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## Abstract

A new hetrocyclic mono azo dye ligand 2-[2<sup>-</sup>(1-Hydroxy-4-methyl phenyl) azo]-Imidazole (HMePAI) was prepared by reaction between a diazonium chloride salt solution of 2-amino-4-methyl phenol with Imidazole in alkaline ethanolic solution. Nine metal complexes with Cr(III), Mn(II), Fe(III), Co(III),Ni(II),Cu(II), Zn(II), Cd(II) and Hg(II), ions were prepared and characterized completely by various analytical and spectral techniques like elemental analysis(C.H.N), metal contents, Molar Conductance, Magnetic moments, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, Mass spectra, infrared, electronic spectral, XRD spectra , SEM and thermal studies (TGA&DSC).

The obtained results indicated that ligand (HMePAI) behaves as a tridentate in case of 1:2 [metal : ligand] complexes. Investigation of the stereochemistry of metal complexes have octahedral geometry. Biological activity studies of ligand (HMePAI) and its metal complexes against two types of bacteria , *staphylococcus* (gram positive) and *Escherichia coli* (gram negative) by agar plate different technique. The biological activity was also conducted cells viability and cytotoxicity assay on ligand and Ni(II) – complex by using the lines of cancerous liver cells of the type HEPG2 and compared with line of the ordinary cells.

**Key words** :- Azo imidazole, metal Complexes , synthesis and characterization, Biological activity.

## Introduction

Azo imidazole dyes have enormous applications in different fields such as factors polymerization [1] , textile [2] , leater paper , paint , wood , silk , rubber , plastics , cosmetics operations and coating industries as a dyeing agent [3-6] .It is also used in the pharmaceutical and food industries as a coloring agent [7] . Imidazole ring is an important pharmacophore in drug discovery . Extensive biochemical and pharmacological studies have confirmed that imidazole molecule is associated with a wide range of biological activities including anticancer [8,9] , antibacterial [10] , antifungal [11] , antioxidant [12] , antihypertensive [13] and anticoagulant [14] , properties . In recent years , there have been important applications of azo dye was permeate into the field of electronic industry as a stronge components in the DVD-R (Digital versatile Disc-Recordable) because of its characteristic as sTable metal azo dyes . Azo dyes can be coated easily by spin coating method which will have good thermal stability , refractive index [15] and also metal complexes of the azo dyes are

having extensive application in electro-photographic toners as charge controlling agents, developers in powder coating materials, electric materials and in electrostatic separation processes, in-ink jets and in colour filters [16-18]. The dyeing ability of the azo dyes depends on the functional group present in the azo dyes compounds, such as hydroxyl, carboxylic acid, halogens, esters and amines [19,20]. An important uses of azo imidazole compounds used analytical reagents for solvent extraction to determination of some metal ions [21,22]. The heterocyclic azo imidazole compounds have important role in spectral determination field to determine the trace amount of elements especially transition metal ions and heavy metals because of high sensitivity and selectivity [23,24].

The present work describes the synthesis and spectral characterizations of 2-[2<sup>-</sup>-(1-Hydroxy-4-methyl phenyl) azo]-Imidazole (HMePAI = HL), containing phenolic-OH function and imidazole moiety. The heterocyclic mono azo dye ligand and its metal complexes were studied by various spectral analysis and screened for their biological activities. As well as the study of ligand and Ni(II)-complex of prescription drug anticancer by using the lines of cancerous liver cells of the type HePG2 and compared with line of the ordinary cells.

## **Experimental**

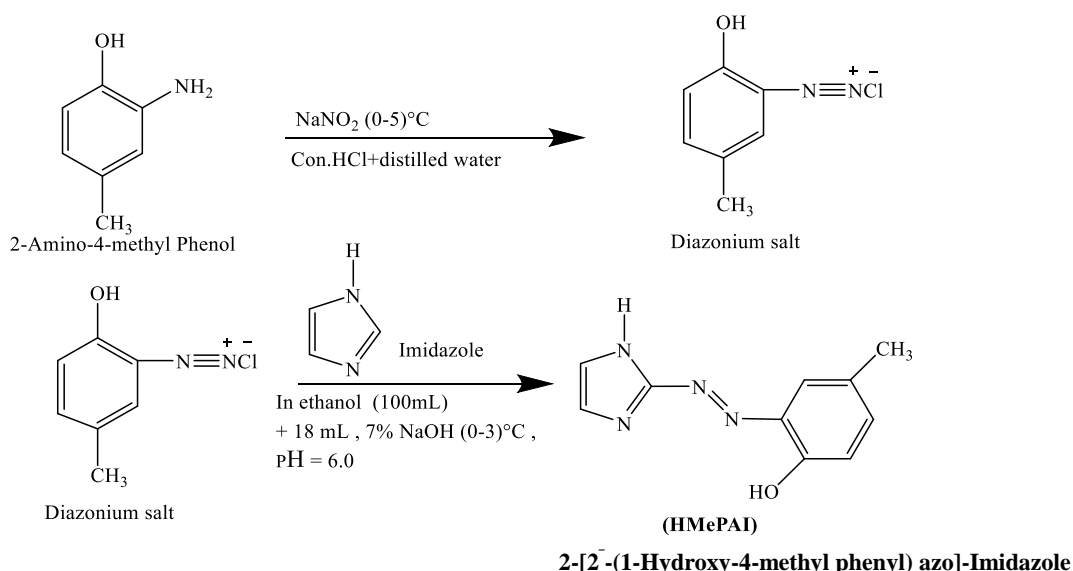
### ***Chemicals and Methods***

All other organic chemicals, solvents and inorganic salts were available from multiple companies, Fluk, B.D.H, Merck, Scharin, sigma and Alderich and used without further purification.

Microanalytical data (C.H.N) were collected on EA 300 CHNS Elemental analyzer. Mass spectra were recorded on a shimadzu Agilent Technologies 5973 at 70 and MSD energy using a direct insertion probe (Acq method 10 W energy) at 90-110 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker 400 MHZ spectrophotometer in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> using TMS as an internal reference. Infrared spectra were taken on shimadzu 8400 S FT-IR spectrophotometer with samples prepared as KBr pellets. Electronic spectral studies were performed on UV-Visb. T80-PG spectrophotometer in absolute ethanol (10<sup>-3</sup>M) in the range (200-1100) nm. The metal contents were determined by using atomic absorption technique by shimadzu AA-6300. TGA, DSC and DTG analysis were measured with England PL-TG using Rheometric scientific TGA-1000. SEM images were taken using micrograph kyky 3200. X-ray diffraction was measured using Bestec Germany Aluminium anode model X-pertpro, wavelength of X-ray beam (Cu k<sub>α</sub>) 1.54 Å, Anod material= Cu, the Voltage = 40KV and current = 30mA. Molar conductivity measurements were recorded on conductivity bridge model 31A in dry DMF (10<sup>-3</sup> M) solution at room temperature. Magnetic susceptibility for prepared metal complexes was measured on a Burker Magnet (B.M) and the diamagnetic correction was made by Pascal's constants at room temperature by using faraday method. The pH of solutions was measured on a Philips pw 9421 pH meter (±0.001). The chloride ion contents in Cr(III), Fe(III) and Co(III) complexes determined as per Vogel's procedure [25], and AgNO<sub>3</sub> solution.

### Synthesis of 2-[2<sup>-</sup>-(1-Hydroxy-4-methyl phenyl) azo]-Imidazole (HMePAI)

The new mono heterocyclic azo dye ligand (HMePAI), (Scheme 1) has been synthesized by the diazotization coupling by flowing method proposed by Al-Adilee *et al* [24,26] with some modification. 2-Amino-4-methyl phenol (1.23g, 0.01 mol) was dissolved in 4 mL conc. HCl and 25 mL distilled water and cooled to 0°C. sodium nitrite (0.75g, 0.01 mol) was dissolved in 20 mL distilled water and cooled to (0-5)°C. The diazotized solution was added dropwise with constant stirring to imidazole (0.68g, 0.01 mol) dissolved in 100 mL ethanol and 18 mL of 7% sodium hydroxide with cooling and stirring continuously for one hour at 0-3°C in ice-bath and allowed to stand overnight and acidified with dilute HCl to pH=6.0. The precipitate was filtered off and washed several times with cold distilled water and recrystallized twice from hot ethanol and then dried in oven at 50°C for several hours and stored in a desiccator over anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>. The yield was 81% of dark red crystals and melting point found to be 130 °C. The purity was confirmed by the elemental analysis and TLC techniques. The structural of the azo dye ligand (HMePAI) is shown below:-



Scheme (1):- Synthetic pathway of heterocyclic azo dye ligand (HMePAI = HL)

### Synthesis of Metal Complexes

The metal complexes were prepared using metal chlorides and azo dye ligand (HMePAI) at 1:2 [M:L] molar ratio. An ethanol solution (0.404g, 0.002 mol) was dissolved in 50 mL of azo dye ligand and (0.001 mol) of Cr(III), Mn(II), Fe(III), Co(III), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zn(II), Cd(II) and Hg(II) chlorides dissolved in 40 mL hot buffer solution (ammonium acetate) at pH=7.0 for each metal ions was refluxed on water bath for (1-2) hour. The separated solid metal complexes were filtered off, washed with little warm ethanol (5mL) to remove any traces of unreacted material and washed with distilled water. The metal complexes obtained were finally dried in oven at 60°C to several hours and kept under vacuum desiccators over fused CaCl<sub>2</sub>. The % yield, m.p, molecular formula, M.wt, color and element analysis data (C.H.N) of azo dye ligand and its metal complexes are collected in Table 1.

**Table (1):- Analytical and Physical data of azo dye ligand and its metal complexes**

Compound	Color	m.p °C	Yield %	Molecular Formula (Mol.Wt)	Found (Calc.)%			
					C	H	N	M
HMePAI = HL	Dark red	130	81	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O (202.21)	59.18 (59.40)	4.91 (4.98)	27.13 (27.71)	-----
[Cr(L) <sub>2</sub> ] Cl	Dark brown	192	78	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Cr Cl (489.86)	49.23 (49.04)	3.59 (3.70)	23.22 (22.87)	10.89 (10.61)
[Mn(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	Redish orange	198	63	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Mn (457.35)	52.12 (52.52)	4.05 (3.97)	24.95 (24.50)	12.23 (12.01)
[Fe(L) <sub>2</sub> ] Cl	Brown	185	67	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Fe Cl (493.71)	48.88 (48.65)	3.58 (3.67)	22.93 (22.69)	11.65 (11.31)
[Co(L) <sub>2</sub> ] Cl	Dark purple	193	74	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Co Cl (496.80)	50.71 (50.38)	3.67 (3.80)	23.67 (23.50)	12.48 (12.36)
[Ni(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	Olive	201	71	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Ni (461.11)	52.55 (52.09)	4.02 (3.93)	24.37 (24.30)	13.71 (12.73)
[Cu(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	Dark green	195	82	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Cu (465.96)	51.72 (51.55)	3.77 (3.89)	24.38 (24.05)	14.07 (13.64)
[Zn(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	Brown	205	86	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Zn (467.82)	51.59 (51.35)	3.93 (3.88)	24.10 (23.95)	14.19 (13.98)
[Cd(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	Redish purple	210	66	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Cd (514.82)	46.47 (46.66)	3.42 (3.52)	21.85 (21.76)	.....
[Hg(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	Redish brown	200	79	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Hg (603.00)	40.36 (39.84)	3.07 (3.01)	18.83 (18.58)	.....

## Result and Discussion

### *Characterization of Azo Dye Ligand and Its Metal Complexes*

The mono heterocyclic azo dye ligand (HMePAI) was dark red crystals but the metal complexes of this ligand vary in color depending on metal ions. The experimental result of the elemental analysis of the prepared azo dye ligand and its metal complexes are in good agreement with theoretical expectations. The mono azo dye ligand and its metal complexes were soluble in most organic solvents such as methanol, ethanol, acetone, chloroform, pyridine, DMF and DMSO giving solutions at room temperature but insoluble in water. However, some physical and analytical data are given in Table 1.

### *Metal: Ligand Ratio*

The possible structural formula of prepared metal complexes was studied by molar ratio method at pH = 7.0 and optimum concentration at wavelength maximum absorption ( $\lambda_{max}$ ). The solutions of metal complexes increase the intensity of the colours as an approach point of intersection ratio [M:L] and color continuous constant at passing this point which indicates that the metal complexes formed in constant of solution. The Metal: Ligand [M:L] ratio in all metal complexes was found to from

1:2 chelates . These results are in agreement with values reported for some aryl azo imidazole complexes [24,27] .

#### **Molar Conductivity Measurements**

The molar conductance measurements of the prepared metal complexes were measured in the solvent DMF ( $10^{-3}$ m) at room temperature are shown in Table 2. The high values of molar conductivity of the Cr(III) , Fe(III) and Co(III) complexes indicate that complexes are 1:1 electrolyte with ionic nature but the low values of molar conductivity of metal complexes of Mn(II) , Ni(II) , Cu(II) , Zn(II) , Cd(II) and Hg(II) ions indicate that non-electrolytic in nature and no chloride ions outside the coordination spheres [28,29] .

#### **Calculation Stability Constants**

The stability constants( $\beta$  and  $\log \beta$ ) of metal complexes were obtained spectrophotometrically by measuring the absorbance of solution mixture of azo dye ligand and metal ion at pH=7.0 and optimum concentration at fixed wavelength ( $\lambda_{max}$ ). The degree formation of the metal complexes is calculated according to the relationship ,  $\beta = (1-\alpha)/4\alpha^3c^2$  ,  $\alpha = (A_m - A_s/A_m)$  , where  $A_s$  and  $A_m$  are the absorbance of the partially and fully formed complexes respectively .The stability constants of metal complexes according to the following sequence:-

Mn(II)> Ni(II)> Fe(III)> Zn(II)> Co(III)> Cr(III)> Hg(II)> Cd(II)> Cu(II) .

The sequence of metal ions of the first row transition metal with Irving-Williams series of stability constant [30,31].

**Table (2):- Molar conductivity , stability constants values ( $\beta$  and  $\log \beta$ ), optimal concentration, maximum wavelength ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) and molar absorptivity ( $\epsilon$ ) of metal complexes**

Ligand (HMePAI)	Metal ion	Optimal Conc. $\times 10^{-4}$ M	Maximum Wavelength ( $\lambda_{max}$ )nm	Molar Absorptivity ( $\epsilon$ ) $\times 10^3$ L.mol <sup>-1</sup> .cm <sup>-1</sup>	Molar Conductivity S.Cm <sup>2</sup> .Mol <sup>-1</sup>	Stability Constant ( $\beta$ ) L <sup>2</sup> .mol <sup>-2</sup>	Log $\beta$
Ligand=HL (HMePAI) $\lambda_{max} = 431$ nm $\epsilon = 2.84 \times 10^3$ L.mol <sup>-1</sup> .cm <sup>-1</sup> Conc.= $1.75 \times 10^{-4}$ M	Cr(III)	2.00	480	9.61	78.21	$12.66 \times 10^8$	9.10
	Mn(II)	1.50	447	7.78	12.28	$33.30 \times 10^8$	9.52
	Fe(III)	2.25	472	6.67	68.59	$19.56 \times 10^8$	9.30
	Co(III)	1.75	505	10.55	71.09	$18.15 \times 10^8$	9.26
	Ni(II)	1.50	635	3.45	11.84	$24.20 \times 10^8$	9.38
	Cu(II)	2.00	665	1.03	12.17	$6.15 \times 10^8$	8.79
	Zn(II)	1.50	476	9.11	14.66	$19.50 \times 10^8$	9.29
	Cd(II)	1.50	450	1.66	10.86	$8.51 \times 10^8$	8.93
	Hg(II)	1.75	475	9.79	12.43	$9.81 \times 10^8$	8.99

### <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Spectra

The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of mono azo dye ligand (HMePAI) and Ni(II)-complex (figures 1 and 2) was measured in d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO as solvent with TMS as an internal reference (400 MHz) and characterized by presence of a low-field. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of azo dye ligand shows a signal at δ=12.164 ppm (S,1H) due to the presence of OH-group, a signal at δ=10.234 ppm (S,1H) due to the presence of amide (NH) in imidazole ring and a signal at δ=9.623 ppm (S,4H and 5H) protons due to imidazole ring. A signal at δ=7.864 ppm (d,3H,5H) and a signal at δ=7.123 ppm (q,6H) due to the presence of aromatic protons. The signal at δ=2.505-2.513 ppm (S,3H) due to the presence of -CH<sub>3</sub> group. While a signal at δ=1.151-1.238 ppm (S) due to solvent protons [32,33]

The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of Ni (II)- complex shows a signal at δ=10.046 ppm (S,1H) due to the presence of amide (NH) proton in imidazole molecule while a signal at δ=10.023 ppm (S,4H and 5H) proton due to imidazole ring. A signal at δ=7.69-7.731 ppm (m,3H,5H) and a signal at δ=6.924 ppm (S,6H) due to the presence of aromatic protons. The signal at δ=2.509-2.678 ppm (S,3H) due to the presence of -CH<sub>3</sub> group and a signal at δ=1.233-1.283 ppm (S) due to the solvent.

The signal of proton(-OH group) disappearance in spectrum of Ni(II)-complex indicates hydrogen atom of -OH group replacement by Ni(II) ion during coordination with azo dye ligand [34,35]

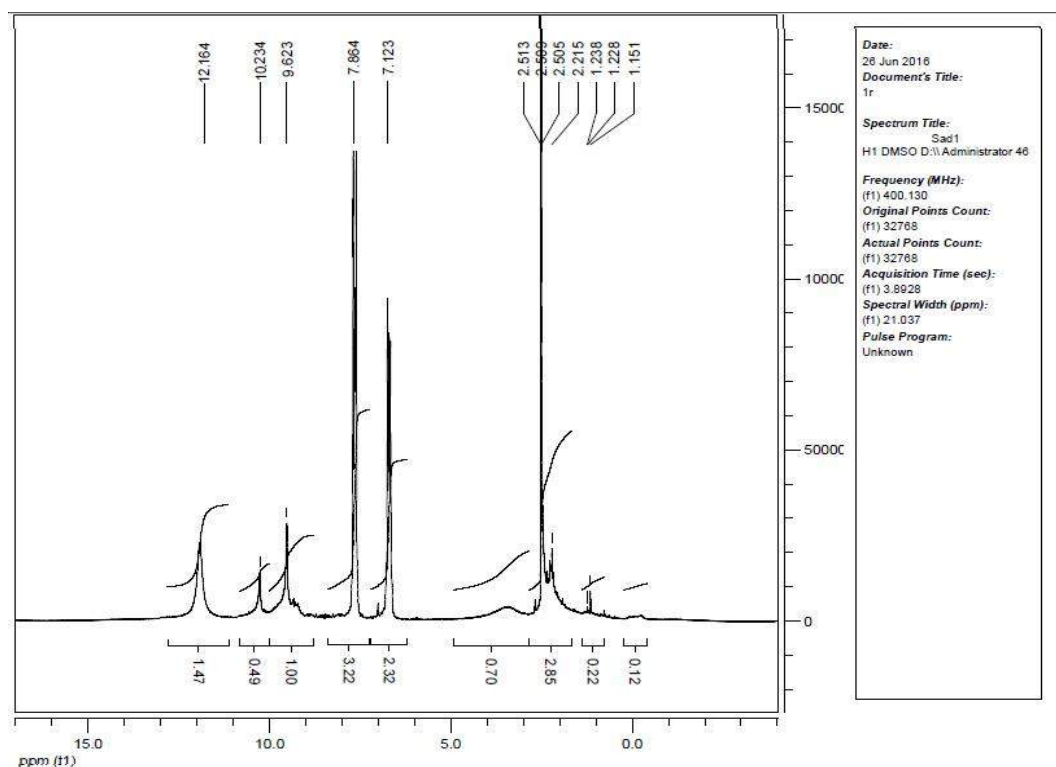


Figure (1):-<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of azo dye ligand (HMePAI)



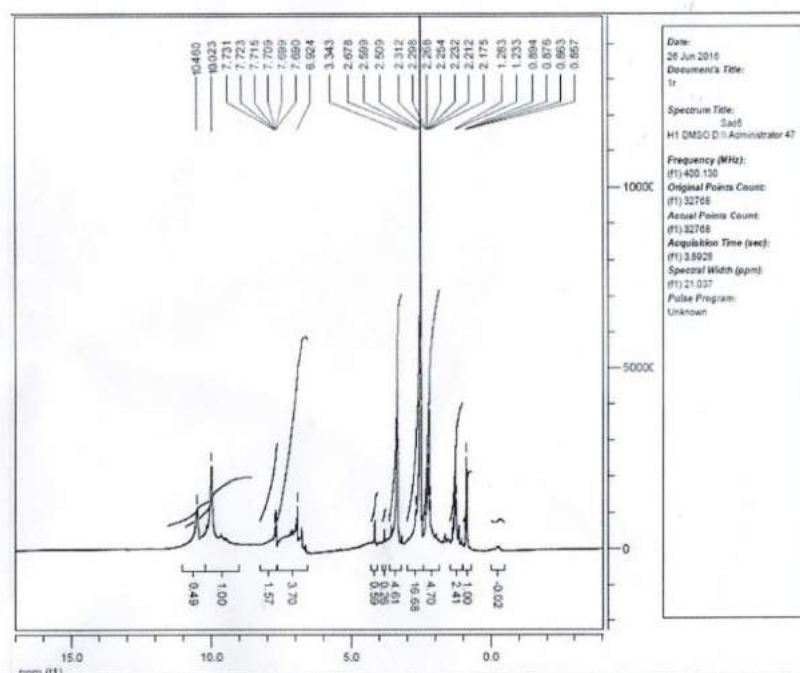


Figure (2):-<sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of Ni(II)- complex[Ni(L)<sub>2</sub>]

### Mass Spectra of Mono Azo Dye Ligand and Its Ni(II) – Complex

The mass spectra of mono azo dye ligand (HMePAI) and Ni(II)-complex and data fragmentation have been studied as stated in the literature[25,32,34,36].

The mass spectrum of the azo dye ligand (figure 3,scheme 2) shows a final peak at  $m/z^+ = 201.9$  corresponding to the azo dye ligand (HMePAI) [ $C_{10}H_{10}N_4O$ ] (atomic mass 202.22). other peaks like at  $m/z^+ = 199.9$  due to loss of 2H protons, [ $C_{10}H_8N_4O$ ]<sup>+</sup> ion while peak at  $m/z^+ = 171.1$  corresponding to [ $C_9H_7N_4$ ]<sup>+</sup> ion due to loss methyl group (-CH<sub>3</sub>) and oxygen atom. The loss of azo group (-N=N-) give peak at  $m/z^+ = 143.2$  is due to [ $C_9H_7N_2$ ]<sup>+</sup> ion. The peaks at  $m/z^+ = 68.1$  and  $m/z^+ = 40.1$  due to imidazole ring, [ $C_3H_4N_2$ ] and [ $C_3H_4$ ] respectively. Other peaks like  $m/z^+ = 77.2$  and 53.1 correspond to [ $C_6H_5$ ]<sup>+</sup> and [ $C_4H_5$ ]<sup>+</sup> fragments.

The mass spectrum of the Ni(II)- complex(figure 4,scheme 3) showed a molecular ion peak  $M^+$  at  $m/z^+ = 461.5$  Corresponding to the Ni(II)-Complex, [ $C_{20}H_{18}N_8O_2$ ],(atomic mass 461.35), equivalent to its molecular weight supporting the Suggested Structure for the Ni(II)-Complex. The Ni(II)-Complex gives peak at  $m/z^+ = 259.6$  is attributed to [ $C_{10}H_9N_4ONi$ ]<sup>+</sup> because of loss [ $C_{10}H_9N_4O$ ]<sup>+</sup>. The peak at  $m/z^+ = 201.1$  corresponding to [ $C_{10}H_9N_4O$ ]<sup>+</sup> ion due to loss nickel ion, while the peak at  $m/z^+ = 161.1$  due to [ $C_9H_7N_2O$ ]<sup>+</sup> attributed to loss methyl group (-CH<sub>3</sub>) and azo group (-N=N-). Other peaks like  $m/z^+ = 144.8$ , 68.1, 77.4 and 52.1 Correspond to [ $C_9H_8N_2$ ]<sup>+</sup>, [ $C_3H_4N_2$ ], [ $C_6H_5$ ]<sup>+</sup> and [ $C_4H_4$ ] respectively. The intensity of these peaks gives the idea of the stability of fragments.

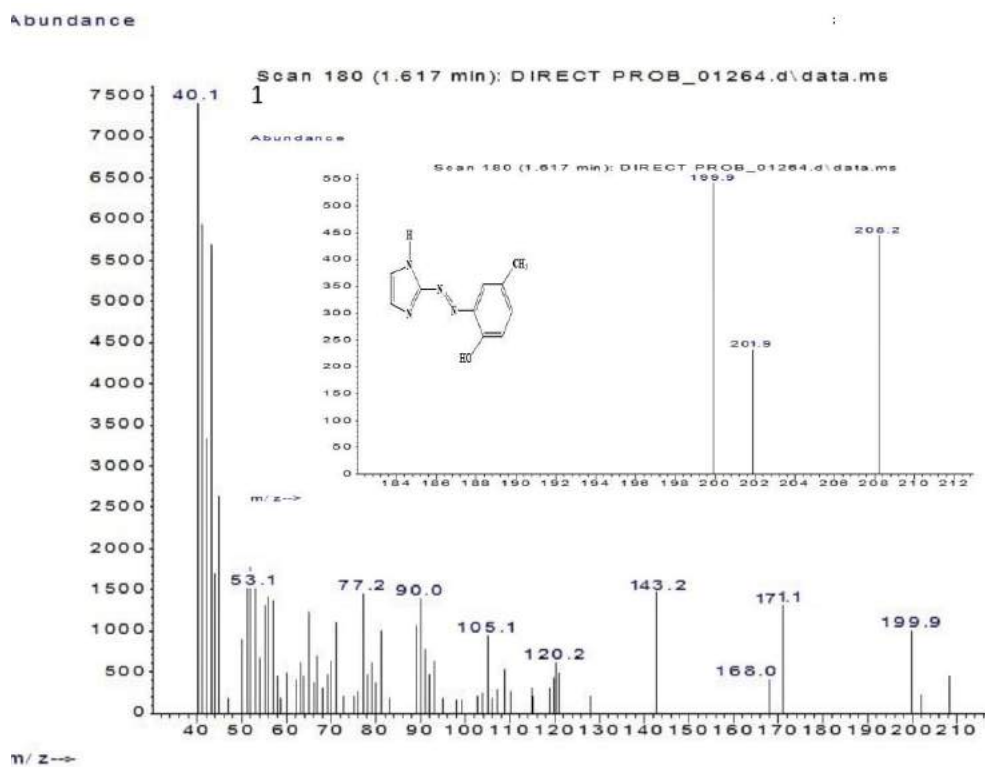


Figure (3):- Mass spectrum of the azo dye ligand (HMePAI)

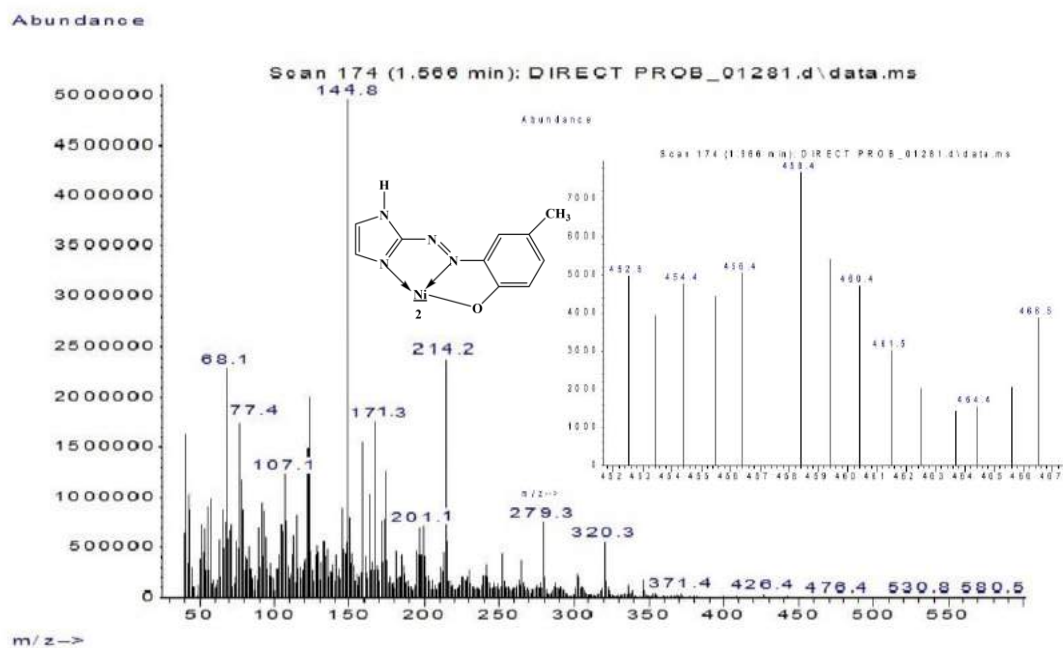
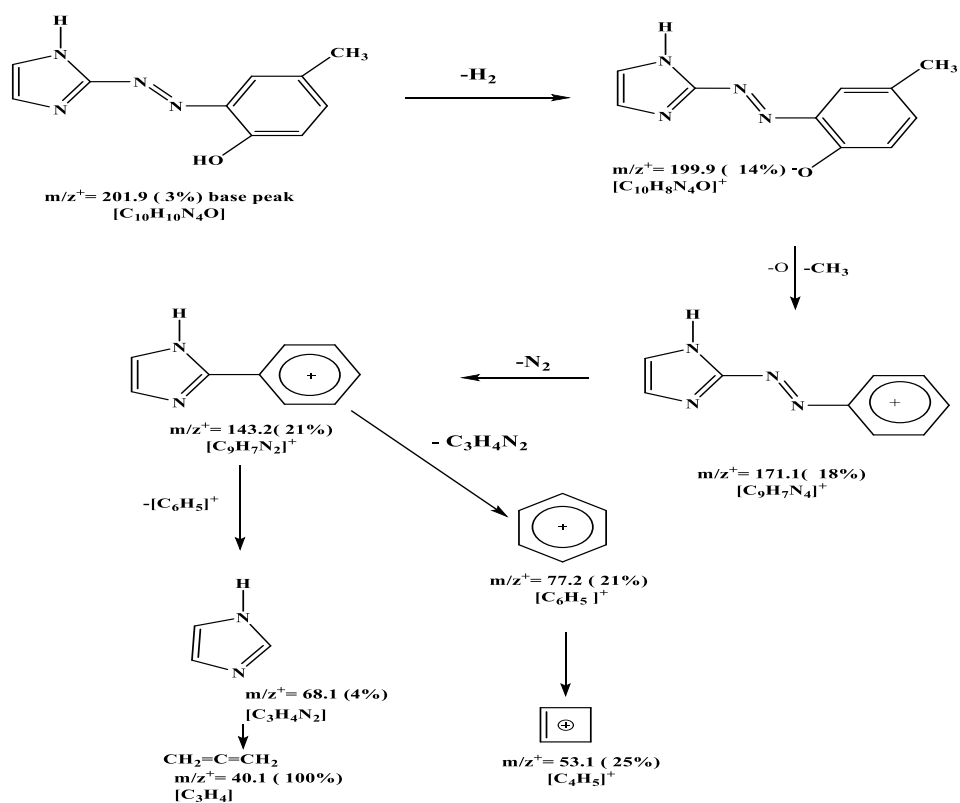
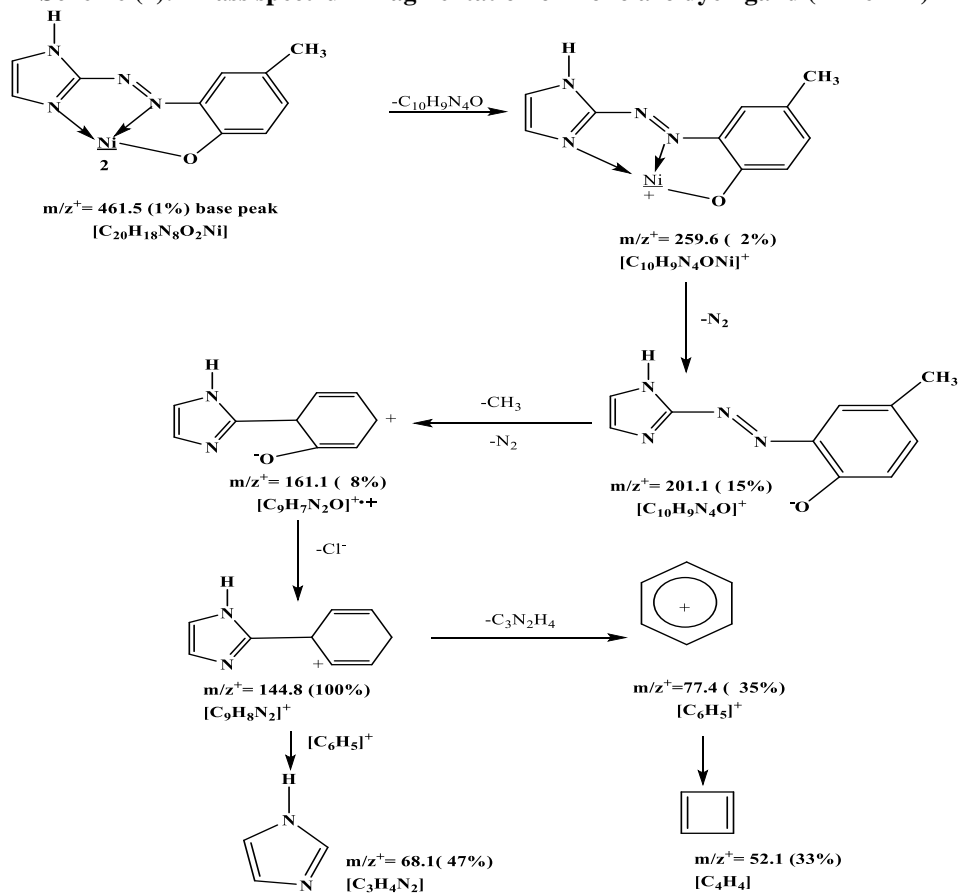


Figure (4):- Mass spectrum of the Ni-Complex ; [Ni(L)<sub>2</sub>]



Scheme (2):- Mass spectrum fragmentation of mono azo dye ligand (HMePAI)



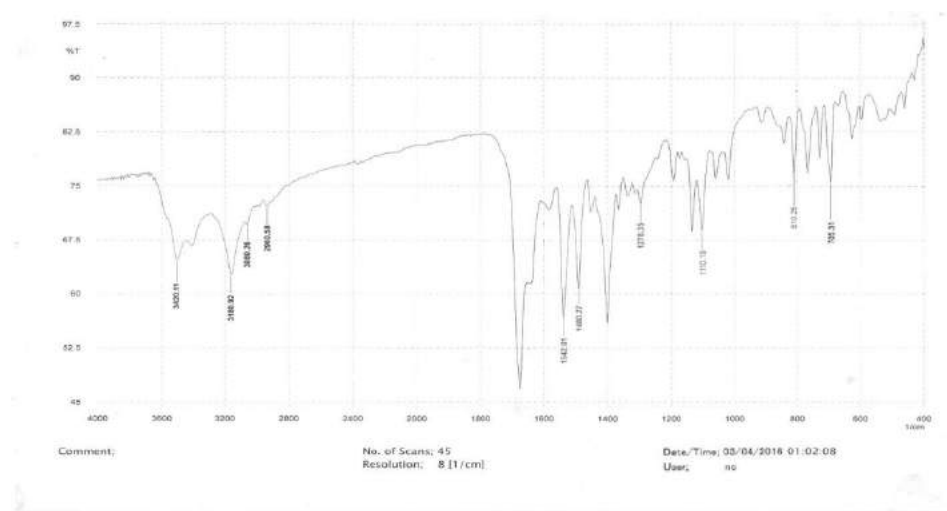
Scheme (3):-Mass spectrum fragmentation of Ni- complex;  $[Ni(L)_2]$

### ***Infrared Spectra***

Infrared spectral data of the prepared mono azo dye ligand(HMePAI) and their Cr (III) ,Mn(II),Fe(III),Co(III),Ni(II),Cu(II),Zn(II),Cd(II) and Hg (II)complex are presented in Table 3. The IR spectrum of the free azo dye ligand showed a weak and broad band around  $3420\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which is assigned to  $\nu(\text{-OH})$  group in the ligand which is absent in all metal complexes showing the deprotonation of the azo dye ligand and coordination with metal ion [24]. The medium band observed at  $3181\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the free ligand was attributed to  $\nu(\text{N-H})$  stretching vibration of the imidazole moiety [37]. The position of this band remained at nearly the same frequency in spectra of the metal complexes , which may be explained by nonparticipation in complex . The weak bands at  $3080\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2961\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the spectrum of free ligand which is due to  $\nu(\text{C-H})$  aromatic and aliphatic respectively . These bands are sTable in position as well as intensity in both free ligand and all metal complexes . The strong band at  $1645\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the free ligand was attributed to  $\nu(\text{C=N})$  of the imidazole ring (N3).This band shifts to lower wave number side ( $1542\text{-}1605\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in all metal complexes indicating the coordination [24,33]. The sharp band at  $1468\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is characteristic of the azo group  $\nu(\text{-N=N-})$  in the free ligand . This band shifted to a lower wave number side in all metal complexes in this frequency to ( $1450\text{-}1458\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) indicates the participation of the azo group nitrogen (N<sub>3</sub>) in coordination with metal ions [34,38].

The far IR spectra of the metal complexes exhibited new band that are not present in the azo dye ligand.These bands are located at ( $562\text{-}578\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and ( $432\text{-}480\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) due to  $\nu(\text{M-O})$  and  $\nu(\text{M-N})$  respectively[24,39].

IR spectral data lead to suggest that the azo dye ligand (HMePAI) behaves as ionic tridentate chelating agent , and coordination with metal ion by using sites are the nitrogen atom of the heterocyclic imidazole ring (N<sub>3</sub>) , nitrogen atom of azo group nearest to a phenyl ring (N<sub>3</sub>) and a phenolic oxygen to forming two five membered chelating agent . The IR spectra of azo dye ligand (HMePAI) and some metal complexes are shown in figures 5 , 6 and 7 .



**Figure (5) :- IR Spectrum of mono azo dye ligand (HMePAI)**

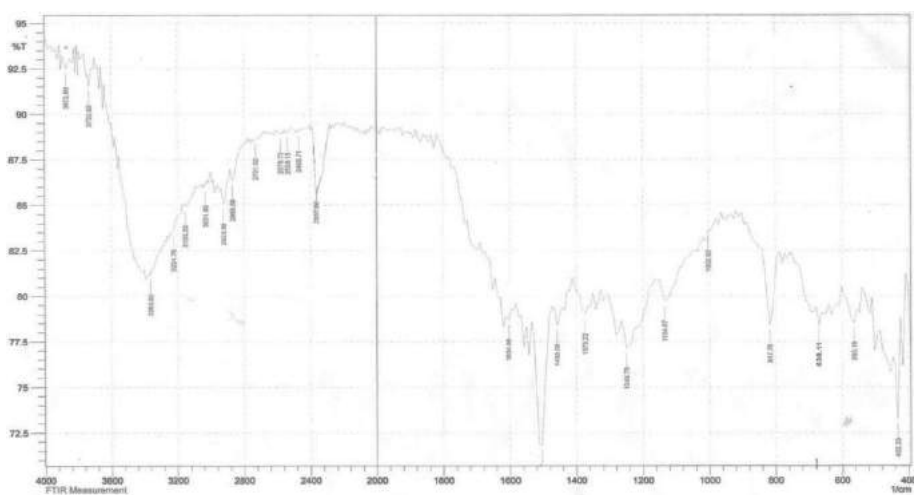


Figure (6):- IR Spectrum of the  $[Fe(L)_2] Cl$  chelate complex

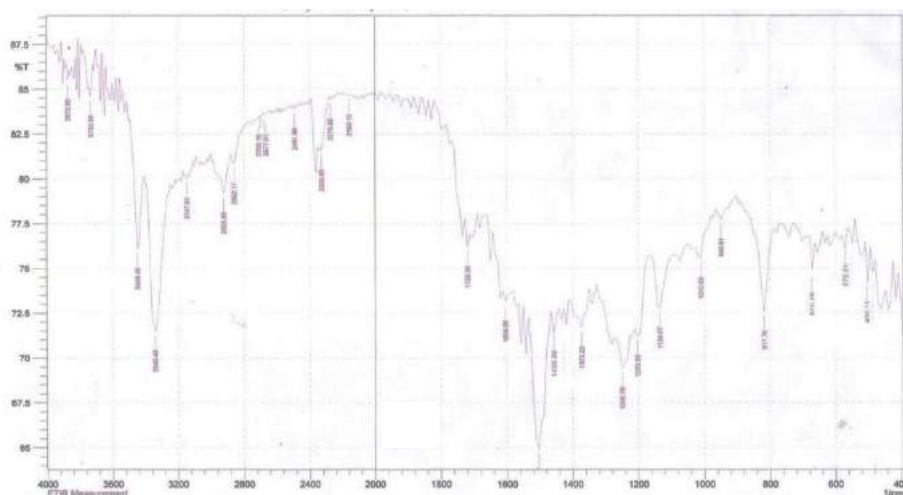


Figure (7):- IR Spectrum of the  $[Cu(L)_2]$  chelate complex

Table (3):- Infrared spectral data ( $cm^{-1}$ ) of azo dye ligand and its metal complexes (KBr disc).

Group	Ligand	Cr(III)	Mn(II)	Fe(III)	Co(III)	Ni(II)	Cu(II)	Zn(II)	Cd(II)	Hg(II)
$\nu$ (OH)	3420 w.br	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
$\nu$ (N-H)	3181 m.	3282 S.	3278 m.	3363 m. br.	3341 m. br.	3356 m.br.	3340 S.	3340 w. br.	3348 m.br.	3248 m.
$\nu$ (C=N) Imd.	1645 Vs.	1565 m.	1542 m.	1604 w.	1605 w.	1542 w.	1604 w.	1602 w.	1601 w.	1568 w.
$\nu$ (C = C)	1542 Vs.	1510 S.	1512 S.	1518 S.	1504 S.	1515 S.	1515 S.	1518 S.	1515 S.	1518 m.

$\nu$ (N=N)	1480 m.	1450 m.	1458 w.	1458 w.	1458 w.	1458 w.	1454 w.	1450 w.	1450 w.	1458 w.
$\nu$ (C-N=N-C)	1278w. 750m.	1245m. 663w.	1281w. 633m.	1250w. 638w.	1249w. 671w.	1234w. 671S.	1250w. 670w.	1249w. 675w.	1249w. 663w.	1249w. 671w.
$\nu$ (Benz. R. Deff.)	1110 m.	1110 w.	1118 w.	1134 w.	1110 w.	1111 w.	1134 m.	1118 w.	1119 w.	1110 w.
$\nu$ (Imi- R. Deff.)	810 m.	810 S.	818 S.	817 S.	818 S.	818 S.	818 S.	817 m.	818 S.	810 S.
$\nu$ (M-O)	-----	570 w.	571 w.	563 w.	562 w.	573 w.	572 w.	572 w.	578 w.	571 w.
$\nu$ (M-N)	-----	465 w.	455 w.	432 w.	462 w.	465 w.	480 w.	464 w.	438 w.	472 w.

ligand = HL (HMePAI) Vs = very strong , S = strong , m= medium , w = weak , br =broad

### Electronic Spectral Studies

The electronic absorption spectra of the azo dye ligand (HMePAI) and its metal complexes were recorded in absolute ethanol ( $10^{-3}$ M) in the UV-Visb. region (200-1100) nm at room temperature. The spectral data and the magnetic moment of prepared metal complexes are presented in Table 4 .

The electronic spectrum of free ligand shows three bands at 222 nm ( $45045 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) , 247nm( $40485 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) due to  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and 431 nm ( $23202 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) may be assigned  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ charge transfer transition due to presence conjugation in the imidazole ring [33,40].The electronic spectrum of the Cr(III) complex displayed bands at 240 nm ( $41667 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 480 nm ( $20833 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) . These two bands are assignable to center ligand and  ${}^4A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g(F)}$  transitions respectively in an octahedral environment[24,34]. The Mn(II) complex exhibited three bands , at 250 nm ( $40000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) , 295 nm ( $33898 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 447 nm ( $22371 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) a assignable to center ligand ,  ${}^2A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g(G)}$  and  ${}^2A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g(P)}$  transitions , respectively in an octahedral environment [24,34,41] . The electronic absorption spectrum of the Fe(III) complex exhibited three absorption bands at 254 nm ( $39370 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) , 312 nm ( $32051 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 472 nm ( $21186 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) due to center ligand ,  ${}^2A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^2T_{1g(G)}$  and  ${}^2A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^2T_{1g(P)}$  transitions respectively in an octahedral geometry [28,33,42]. The electronic spectrum of the Co(III) complex exhibited four absorption bands , the first and second bands at 256nm ( $39063 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 297 nm ( $33670 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) which may be attributed to center ligand transitions while the third and four bands located at 505nm ( $19802 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 970 nm ( $10309 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) assignable to  ${}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1T_{2g(F)}$  and  ${}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1T_{1g(P)}$  transitions respectively in an octahedral geometry [34,35,43] . The Ni(II) complex exhibited three spin-allowed absorption bands at 975nm( $10256 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) , 635 nm( $15748 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 475nm( $21053 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) which may be attributed to  ${}^3A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{2g(F)}$  ,  ${}^3A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g(F)}$  and  ${}^3A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g(P)}$  transitions respectively , while the band at 256nm ( $39062 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) due to center ligand and the shape of this complex in an octahedral geometry [44] . The dark green colored Cu(II) complex exhibited a single broad asymmetric band in the region 665 nm( $15038 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) . The broadness of the band indicates the three transitions  ${}^2B_{1g} \rightarrow {}^2A_{1g}(\nu_1)$  ,  ${}^2B_{1g} \rightarrow {}^2B_{2g}(\nu_2)$  and  ${}^2B_{1g} \rightarrow {}^2E_g(\nu_3)$  , which are of similar energy and give rise to only one broad absorption band ( ${}^2B_{1g} \rightarrow {}^2E_g$ ) . The broadness of the band may be due to

dynamic Jahn-Teller distortion [7,24,33,34] . All of these data suggested a distorted octahedral geometry around the Cu(II)complex ion (Z-in or Z-out).

The Zn(II), Cd(II) and Hg(II) complexes do not show any d-d transition because of saturated with electrons ( $d^{10}$ ). The absorption bands at longer wavelength 476 nm ( $21008\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), 452 nm ( $22124\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 479 nm ( $20877\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) assignable to  $M \rightarrow \pi^*$  (ligand) charge transfer transitions and in an octahedral environment [27,29,45] . The UV-visb. spectra of azo dye ligand (HMePAI) and some metal complexes are shown in figure 8.

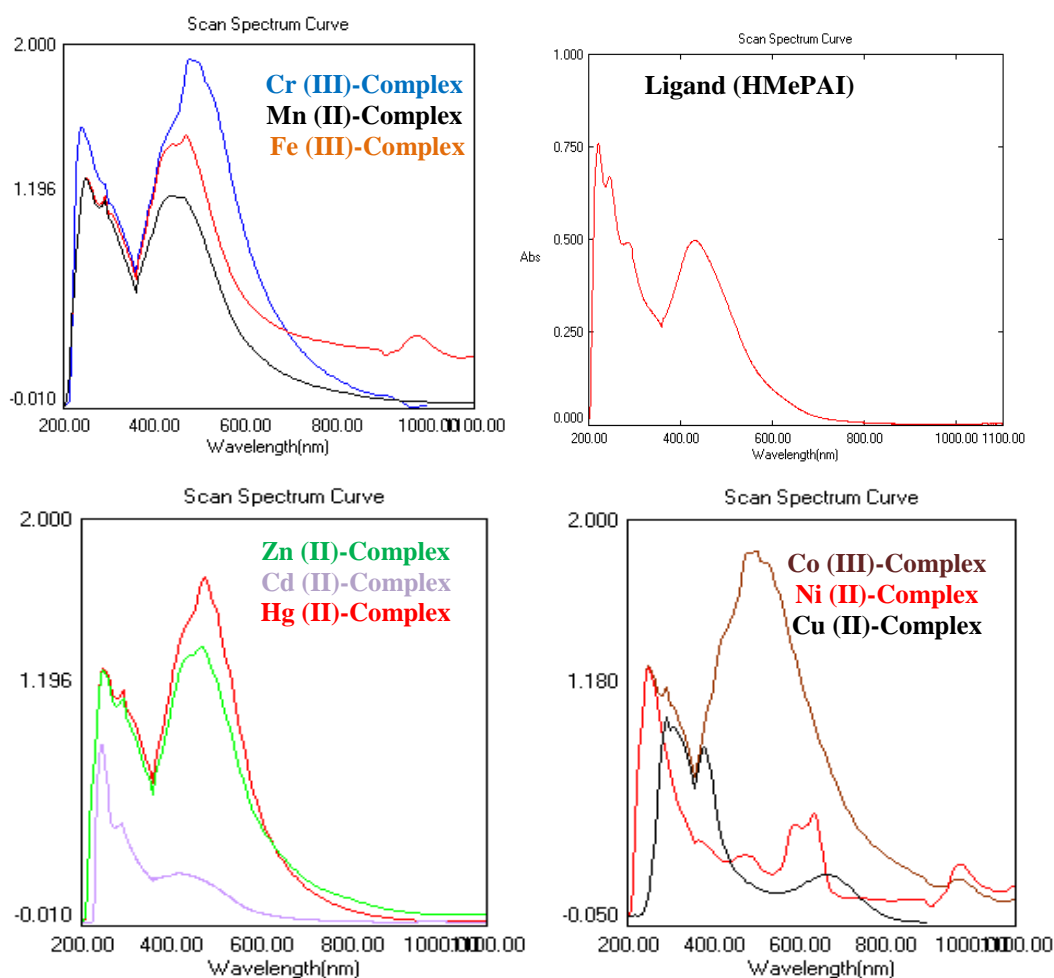


Figure (8):- UV-Visible spectra of azo dye ligand (HMePAI) and its metal complexes

### Magnetic Studies

The magnetic moment value of Cr(III) complex is 3.61 B.M , this value is too close to the theoretical magnetic moment for the Cr(III) ion ( $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 3.87\text{ B.M}$ ) due to a presence of three electrons unpaired ( $t_{2g}^3\text{ eg}^0$ ), which may suggest a regular structure and  $d^2sp^3$  hybridization[24,46]. The Mn(II)-complex exhibited the magnetic moment value of 1.81 B.M which indicates distorted octahedral geometry (Z-out) due to presence of one electron unpaired ( $t_{2g}^5\text{ eg}^0$ , low spin) because of strong ligand and  $d^2sp^3$  hybridization [24,28,33]. The magnetic moment value of the Fe(III) complex is 1.78 B.M due to presence of one electron unpaired ( $t_{2g}^5\text{ eg}^0$ ) which may suggest distorted octahedral geometry (Z-out , low spin) and  $d^2sp^3$  hybridization [28,33,47]. The Co(II)-complex was found to be diamagnetic indicates the low spin behavior because of that Co(II) ion which is oxidized to Co(III) ion during complexation in

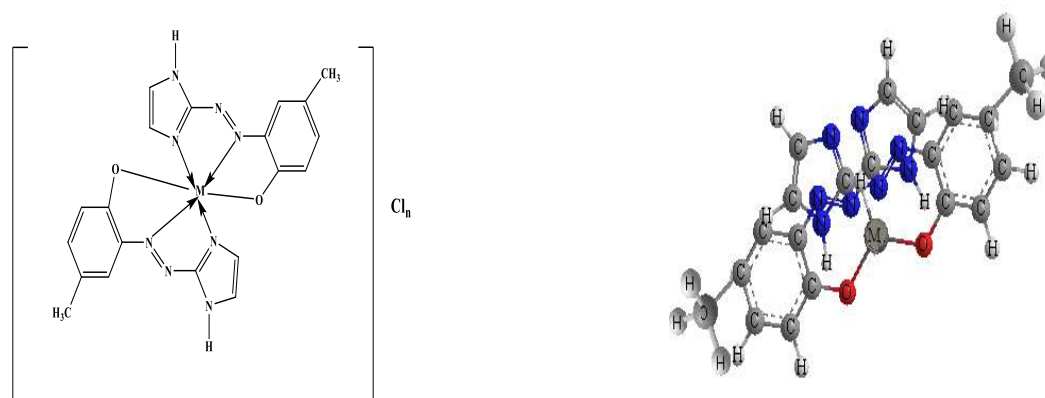
aqueous solution with presence of strong ligand such as azo imidazole ligands which may suggest a regular geometry ( $t_2g^6 eg^0$ ) and  $d^2sp^3$  hybridization [48,49]. The magnetic moment value of the Ni(II) complex is 3.08 B.M within the range of 2.8-3.5 B.M because of two electrons unpaired which may suggest a regular octahedral structure ( $t_2g^6 eg^2$ , high spin) and  $sp^3d^2$  hybridization[44,50]. The Cu(II)-complex showed magnetic moment of (1.78) B.M. is slightly higher than the spin-only value of (1.73) B.M. expected for one electron unpaired which offers the possibility of an distorted octahedral geometry, ( $t_2g^6 eg^3$ ) and  $sp^3d^2$  hybridization for these metal complexes [32,35, 51]. The magnetic moment values of Zn(II), Cd(II) and Hg(II) complexes are diamagnetic consistent with the  $d^{10}$  ( $t_2g^6 eg^4$ ) configuration which indicates an octahedral geometry and  $sp^3d^2$  hybridization [52].

Table(4):- Electronic spectra (nm ,  $cm^{-1}$ ), magnetic moments, proposed structure and hybridization of prepared metal complexes.

Compounds	$\lambda_{max}$ (nm)	Absorption bands( $cm^{-1}$ )	Transitions	$\mu_{eff}$ (B.M)	Geometry	Hybridization
Ligand=HL (HMePAI)	222	45045	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$	-----	-----	-----
	247	40485	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$			
	431	23202	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$			
[Cr(L) <sub>2</sub> ] Cl	240	41667	Center ligand	3.61	Octahedral (Regular)	$d^2sp^3$
	480	20833	$^4A_{1g} \rightarrow ^4T_{1g(F)}$			
[Mn(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	250	40000	Center ligand	1.81	Octahedral (distorted) (Z-out)	$d^2sp^3$ (Low spin)
	295	33898	$^2A_{1g} \rightarrow ^4T_{1g(G)}$			
	447	22371	$^2A_{1g} \rightarrow ^4T_{1g(P)}$			
[Fe(L) <sub>2</sub> ] Cl	254	39370	Center ligand	1.78	Octahedral (distorted) (Z-out)	$d^2sp^3$ (Low spin)
	312	32051	$^2A_{1g} \rightarrow ^2T_{1g(G)}$			
	472	21186	$^2A_{1g} \rightarrow ^2T_{1g(P)}$			
[Co(L) <sub>2</sub> ] Cl	256	39063	Center ligand	Dia	Octahedral (Regular)	$d^2sp^3$ (Low spin)
	297	33670	Center ligand			
	505	19802	$^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1T_{2g(F)}$			
	970	10309	$^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1T_{1g(F)}$			
[Ni(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	475	21053	$^3A_{2g} \rightarrow ^3T_{1g(P)}$	3.08	Octahedral (Regular)	$Sp^3d^2$ (high spin)
	635	15748	$^3A_{2g} \rightarrow ^3T_{1g(F)}$			
	975	10256	$^3A_{2g} \rightarrow ^3T_{2g(F)}$			
[Cu(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	665	15038	$^2B_{1g} \rightarrow ^2Eg$	1.78	Octahedral (distorted) (Z-in or Z-out)	$Sp^3d^2$
[Zn(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	476	21008	$d\pi(Zn)^{+2} \rightarrow \pi^*(L)$	Dia	Octahedral (Regular)	$Sp^3d^2$
[Cd(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	452	22124	$d\pi(Cd)^{+2} \rightarrow \pi^*(L)$	Dia	Octahedral (Regular)	$Sp^3d^2$
[Hg(L) <sub>2</sub> ]	479	20877	$d\pi(Hg)^{+2} \rightarrow \pi^*(L)$	Dia	Octahedral (Regular)	$Sp^3d^2$



According to these results and discussing the data through different techniques, the structural formula of prepared metal complexes in this work may be proposed in figure 9.



M= Cr(III), Fe(III) and Co(III) ; n=1  
M= Mn(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zn(II), Cd(II) and Hg(II) ; n=0

Figure(9):-The proposed structural formula of chelate complexes

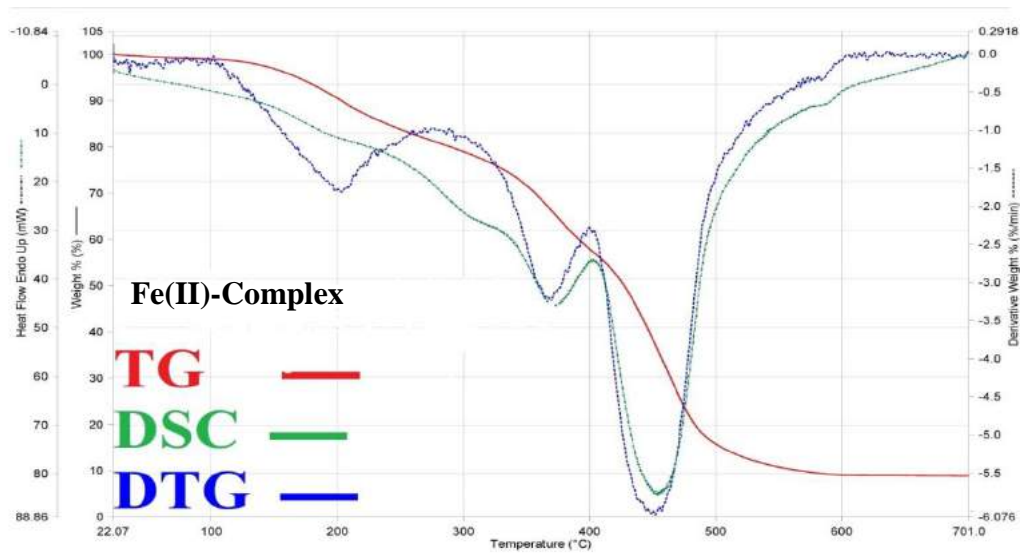
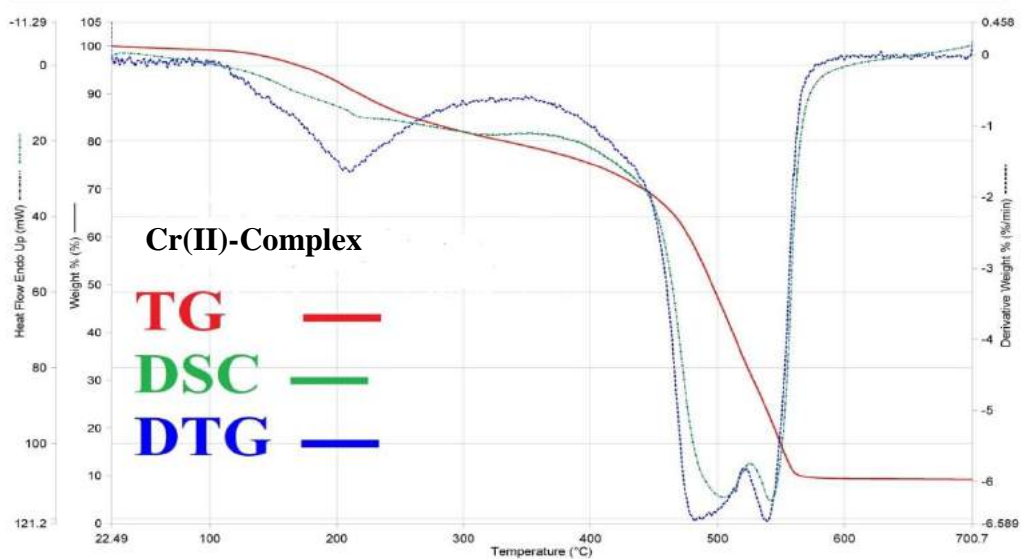
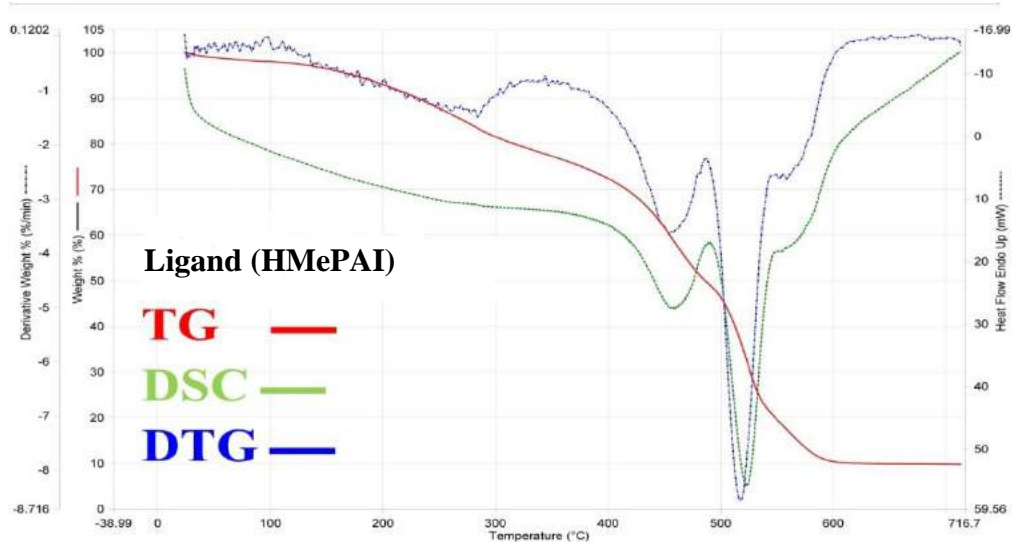
### Thermal Studies

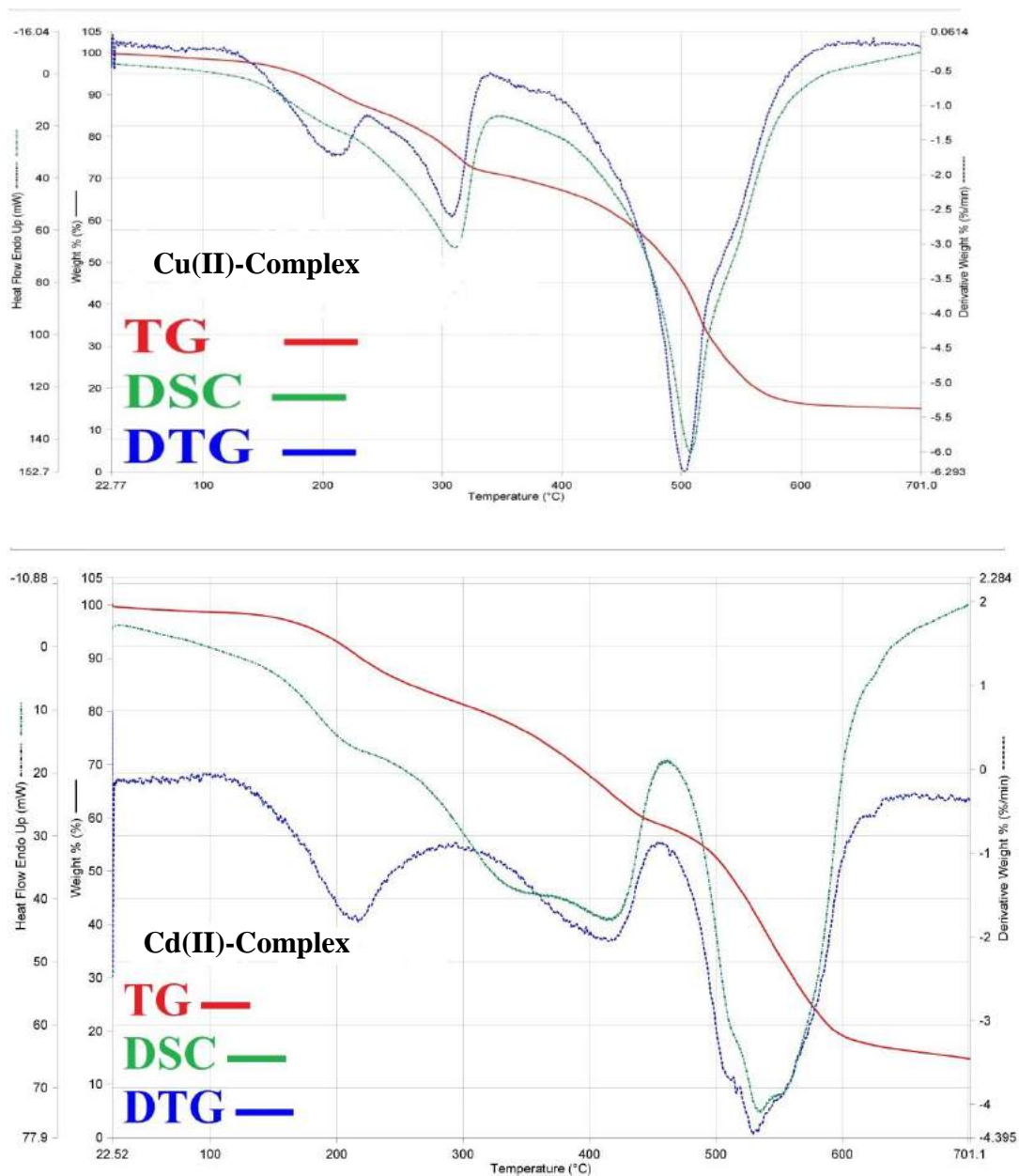
The ligand and its metal complexes have thermal properties are examined from ambient temperature up to 700 °C by some thermo gravimetric assays like (TGA), (DTG) and (DSC) (that mean thermo gravimetric analysis, differential thermo gravimetric and differential scanning calorimetric respectively) in nitrogen atmosphere. The ligand and some transition metal complexes are presented in Figure 10. The results of thermo gravimetric assays of ligand and metals complexes are listed in Table 5.

Table(5):- Thermo analysis results (TGA, DTG and DSC) of azo dye ligand (HMePAI) and its metal complexes

Compound	TG Range (°C)	DTG <sub>Max</sub> (°C)	Mass loss%	Assignment	Residue	DSC(°C)
(HMePAI)=HL C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O	25-116	286	1.75	Evolution of CO <sub>2</sub> and moisture	-	451 (+)
	116-297	450	15.79	Loss CH <sub>3</sub> group		532 (+)
	297-431	521	31.58	Loss OH group		
	431-512		57.35	Loss azo group		
	512-586		88.60	Loss imidazole ring and A part of the ligand		
[Cr(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ].Cl	35-159	210	2.96	Evolution of CO <sub>2</sub> and moisture	Cr	507 (+)
	159-233	481	15.65	Loss CH <sub>3</sub> group		548 (+)
	233-442	539	31.08	Loss azo group		
	442-576		89.77	Loss imidazole ring and Loss of a part of the ligand		
[Mn(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	34-160	493	3.33	Evolution of CO <sub>2</sub> and moisture	Mn	497 (+)
	160-312	532	21.29	Loss CH <sub>3</sub> group		537 (+)
	312-465		33.90	Loss azo group		
	465-568		83	Loss imidazole ring and Loss of a part of the ligand		

[Fe(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ].Cl	36-131 131-224 224-338 338-494	202 363 450	2.35 51.08 28.75 83.61	Evolution of Co <sub>2</sub> and moisture Loss CH <sub>3</sub> group Loss azo group Loss imidazole ring and Loss of a part of the ligand	Fe	371 (+) 458 (+)
[Co(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ].Cl	38-153 153-231 231-448 448-596	37 252 536 579	2.36 15.69 34.21 81.95	Evolution of Co <sub>2</sub> and moisture Loss CH <sub>3</sub> group Loss azo group Loss imidazole ring and Loss of a part of the ligand	Co	252 (-) 512 (+) 535 (+) 577 (+)
[Ni(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	33-160 160-235 235-441 441-578	492 591	2.98 15.64 31 89.78	Evolution of Co <sub>2</sub> and moisture Loss CH <sub>3</sub> group Loss azo group Loss imidazole ring and Loss of a part of the ligand	Ni	493 (+) 592 (+)
[Cu(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	36-163 163-315 315-463 463-567	217 309 502	3.32 21.31 34.02 82.85	Evolution of Co <sub>2</sub> and moisture Loss CH <sub>3</sub> group Loss azo group Loss imidazole ring and Loss of a part of the ligand	Cu	312 (+) 508 (+)
[Zn(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	37-133 133-226 226-339 339-493	193 387 462 469	2.34 15.06 28.73 83.63	Evolution of Co <sub>2</sub> and moisture Loss CH <sub>3</sub> group Loss azo group Loss imidazole ring and Loss of a part of the ligand	Zn	386 (+) 474 (+)
[Cd(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	36-155 155-229 229-446 446-598	213 421 534	2.33 15.73 34.18 82.01	Evolution of Co <sub>2</sub> and moisture Loss CH <sub>3</sub> group Loss azo group Loss imidazole ring and Loss of a part of the ligand	Cd	422 (+) 545(+)
[Hg(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	36-161 161-231 231-444 444-574	467 533 619	2.95 15.67 31.06 89.76	Evolution of Co <sub>2</sub> and moisture Loss CH <sub>3</sub> group Loss azo group Loss imidazole ring and Loss of a part of the ligand	Hg	470 (+) 537(+)





Figure(10):-TG-DTG-DSC curves of prepared ligand (HMePAI) and some metal complexes

### X-Ray Diffraction Study (XRD)

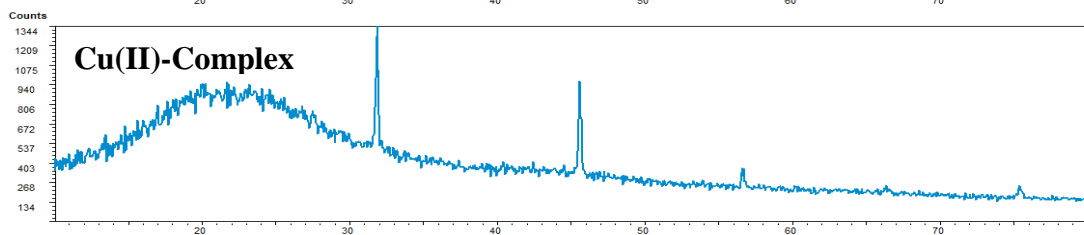
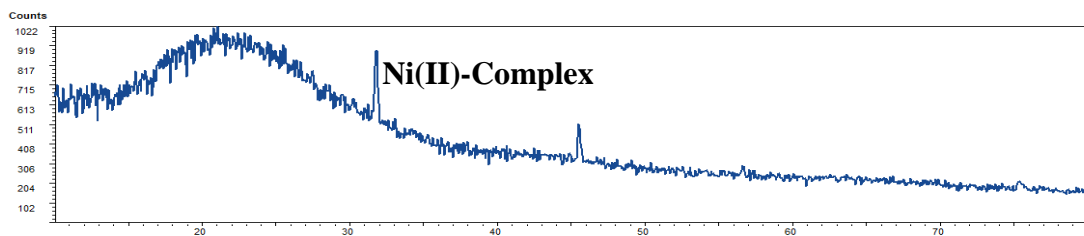
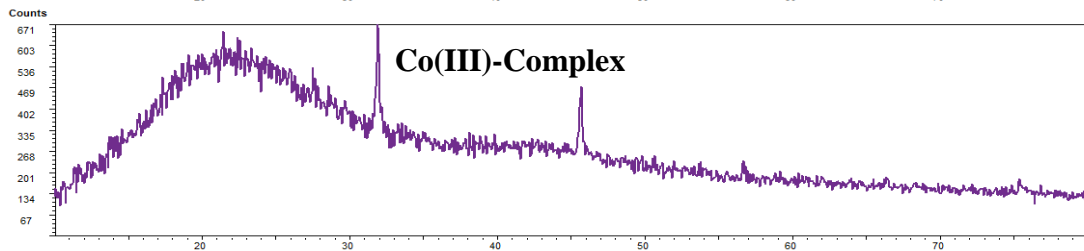
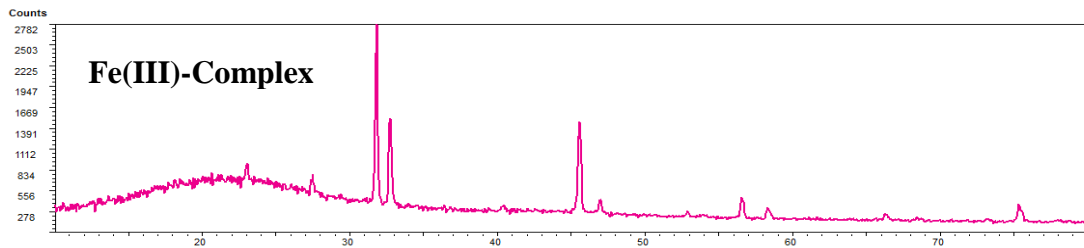
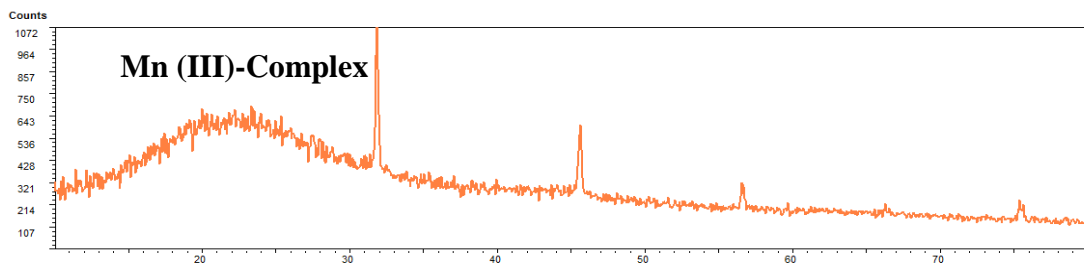
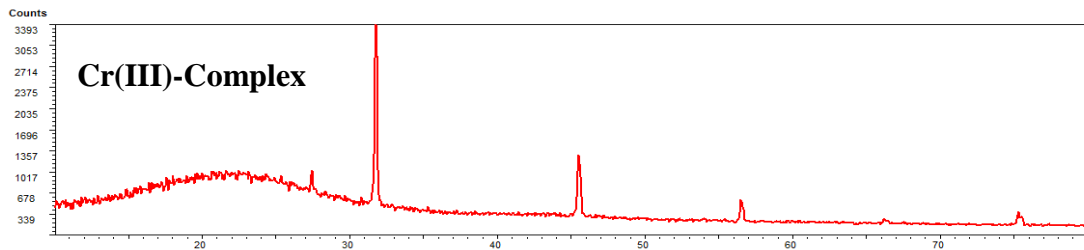
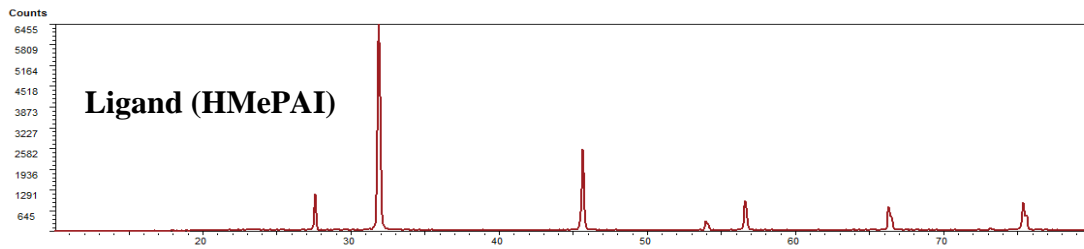
In this work we study the crystalline structure of prepared ligand (HMePAI) and its metal complexes in solid state by using x-rays diffractometer in the range of  $2\theta = 0-80^\circ$  value, to know some properties like crystalline structure, crystalline volume and assessing the purity. The (XRD) patterns of ligand and complexes are shown in figure 11, in this figure we observed the spectrum of ligand contain many sharp peaks they indicate the crystalline nature for ligand, while the metal complexes were different in nature where observed the Cr (III), Fe (III) and Cd (II) metal complexes contained rate the crystalline nature more than the amorphous nature because the sharp peaks are more than broad peaks while observed in the Mn (II), Cu (II) and Zn (II) metal complexes contained rate the crystalline nature nearly equal the amorphous nature because the sharp peaks nearly equal broad peaks while observed in the Co (III), Ni (II) and Hg (II) metal complexes contained rate the

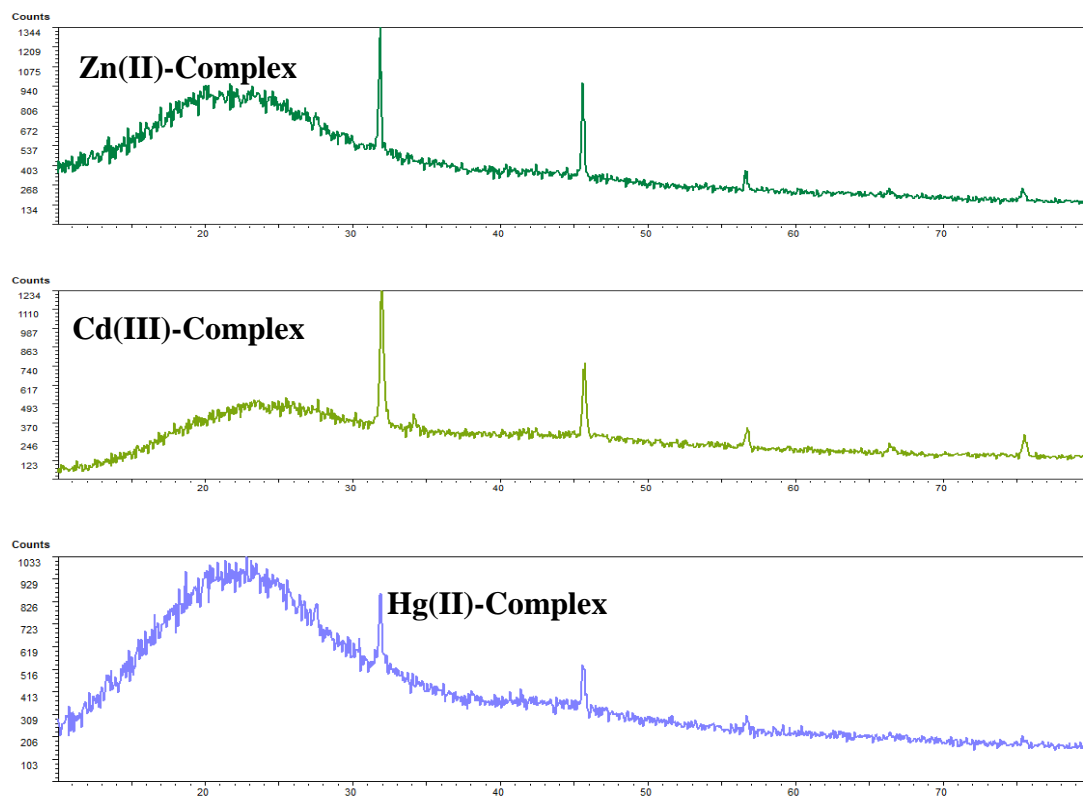
crystalline nature less than the amorphous nature because the sharp peaks are less than broad peaks[56,57]. To calculate d-spacing or 'd' values of reflections were obtained using Bragg's equation  $n\lambda = 2d\sin\theta$ , where d is the spacing between the crystalline levels, n is an integer (1,2,3 ...),  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of X-ray  $\text{CuK}\alpha = 1.540598 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\theta$  is the diffraction angle and the values of d and associated data depict the  $2\theta$  value of each peak, relative intensity also the particle size distribution histogram for ligand and metal complexes are listed in Table 6. The XRD peak shift to lower angle in metal complexes because of increased of d-spacing in the complexes and the average size of the particles and their size distribution were evaluated by the Scherer equation,  $D = k\lambda/\beta\cos\theta$ , where D is the average grain size, k is Blank's constant (0.891),  $\lambda$  is the X-ray wavelength (0.15405 nm), and  $\theta$  and  $\beta$  are the diffraction angle and full width at half maximum of an observed peak, respectively [58-60].

**Table( 6): Inter planar distances and the  $2\theta$  value of each peak, relative intensity , crystallographic data and FWHM for ligand (HMePAI) and metal complexes.**

Compound	$2\theta_{\text{Obs.}}$ (degree)	$d_{\text{Obs.}}$ spacing( $\text{\AA}$ )	Intensity I/I <sub>0</sub> %	Pos. [ $^{\circ}2\theta$ .]	FWHM [ $^{\circ}2\theta$ .]	Crystallite Size D(nm)	Lattice Strain
HL= HMePAI	27.5	3.2413	%19	27.5869	0.1771	48.26	0.0031
	32	2.7946	%100	31.8806	0.2362	36.55	0.0036
	45.5	1.9919	%40	45.6412	0.1771	50.85	0.0018
	54	1.6967	%6	54.0206	0.2362	39.44	0.0020
	56.5	1.6274	%15	56.6248	0.2362	39.92	0.0019
	66.5	1.4049	%12	66.3400	0.3542	27.99	0.0024
	73.25	1.2912	%2	73.1937	0.1771	58.37	0.0010
	75.5	1.2582	%14	75.3998	0.2880	36.42	0.0016
[Cr(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ].Cl	21.25	4.1778	%31	27.4319	0.3542	24.12	0.0063
	28	3.1841	%31	31.7620	0.2362	36.54	0.0036
	32	2.7946	%100	45.5145	0.1771	50.83	0.0018
	45.5	1.9919	%38	56.5346	0.2362	39.9	0.0019
	56.5	1.6274	%17	66.2849	0.3542	27.99	0.0024
	66.5	1.4049	%8	75.3267	0.3600	29.12	0.0020
	75.5	1.2582	%11				
[Mn(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O)]	23.5	3.7826	%65	31.8420	0.1771	48.74	0.0027
	32	2.7946	%100	45.5842	0.2362	38.12	0.0025
	46	1.9714	%56	56.5969	0.2952	31.93	0.0024
	57	1.6143	%31	75.4764	0.4320	24.29	0.0024
	59.5	1.5523	%21				
	66.5	1.4049	%21				
	75.5	1.2582	%23				
[Fe(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ].Cl	21.5	4.1298	%29	23.0329	0.1771	47.84	0.0038
	23	3.8637	%34	27.4571	0.1771	48.25	0.0032
	27.5	3.2408	%28	31.8039	0.2362	36.54	0.0036
	31.75	2.8160	%100	32.7477	0.1771	48.85	0.0026
	32.75	2.7323	%55	45.5547	0.2362	38.11	0.0025
	40.25	2.2388	%13	46.9529	0.1771	51.10	0.0018
	45.5	1.9919	%53	56.5666	0.2362	39.90	0.0019
	47	1.9318	%16	58.3699	0.2952	32.21	0.0023

	53	1.7264	%11	66.3066	0.2362	41.97	0.0016
	56.5	1.6274	%17	75.3659	0.2880	36.41	0.0016
	58.5	1.5765	%12				
	66.5	1.4049	%9				
	68.5	1.3687	%8				
	75.5	1.2582	%14				
<b>[Co(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>].Cl</b>	23.5	3.7826	%97	31.8958	0.1771	48.75	0.0027
	32.5	2.7527	%100	45.6464	0.2362	38.13	0.0024
	46	1.9714	%71	56.6933	0.4320	21.83	0.0035
	57	1.6143	%36				
	67	1.3956	%29				
	75.5	1.2582	%27				
	76.75	1.2408	%24				
<b>[Ni(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]</b>	21.75	4.0828	%100	31.7813	0.2362	36.54	0.0036
	32	2.7946	%88	45.5279	0.2160	41.68	0.0022
	46.5	1.9514	%51				
	57	1.6143	%30				
	75.5	1.2582	%22				
<b>[Cu(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]</b>	22.75	3.9056	%64	31.9043	0.1771	48.75	0.0027
	32	2.7946	%100	45.6348	0.2362	38.13	0.0024
	46	1.9714	%57	56.6501	0.3542	26.62	0.0029
	56.75	1.6209	%31	75.4511	0.4320	24.29	0.0024
	66.75	1.4002	%27				
	70.25	1.3388	%24				
	75.5	1.2582	%25				
<b>[Zn(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]</b>	22	4.0370	%72	31.8421	0.1771	48.74	0.0027
	31.75	2.8160	%100	45.5741	0.1771	50.84	0.0018
	42.25	2.1373	%31	56.6119	0.2952	31.94	0.0024
	45.5	1.9919	%73	75.4110	0.4320	24.28	0.0024
	56.75	1.6209	%28				
	66.5	1.4049	%19				
	75.5	1.2582	%19				
<b>[Cd(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]</b>	24.25	3.6673	%44	31.9590	0.2952	29.25	0.0045
	32	2.7946	%100	34.1917	0.4723	18.39	0.0067
	34.25	2.6160	%35	45.6891	0.2952	30.51	0.0031
	45.75	1.9816	%61	56.7272	0.2952	31.95	0.0024
	56.75	1.6209	%27	66.4988	0.7085	14.01	0.0047
	66.5	1.4049	%19	75.5104	0.3600	29.16	0.0020
	75.5	1.2582	%24				
<b>[Hg(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]</b>	23.25	3.8227	%100	31.8700	0.2362	36.55	0.0036
	32.25	2.7735	%84	45.6097	0.3600	25.01	0.0037
	41.75	2.1618	%42				
	45.75	1.9816	%52				
	56.75	1.6209	%30				
	59.25	1.5583	%26				
	75.5	1.2582	%21				



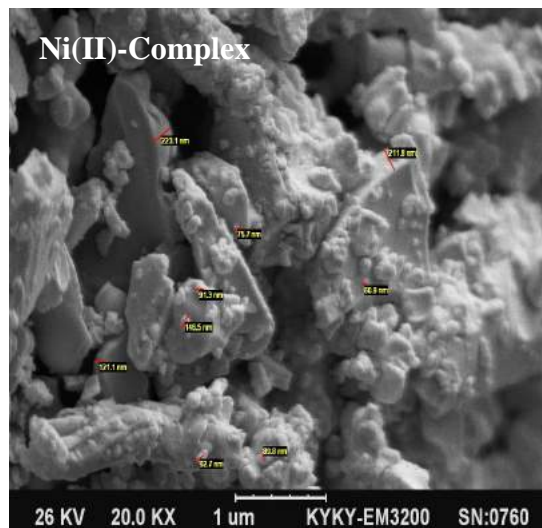
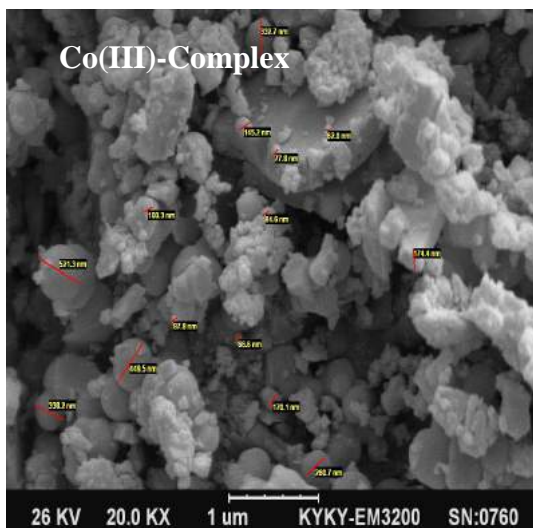
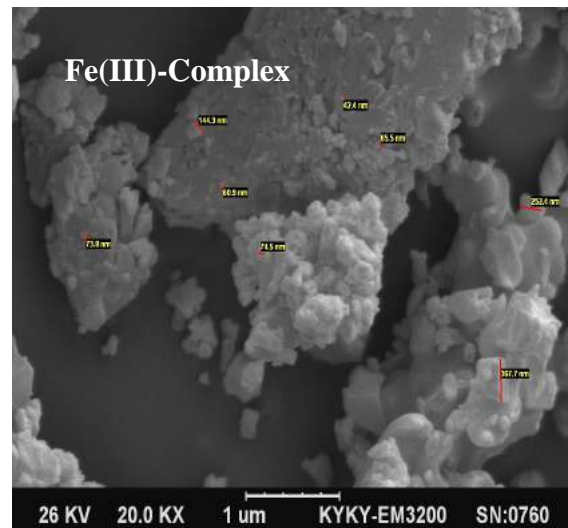
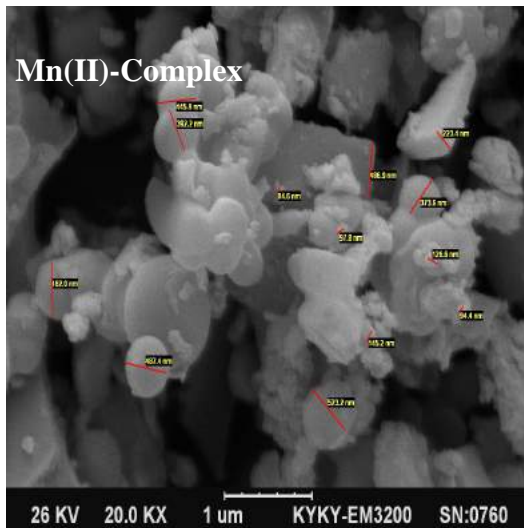
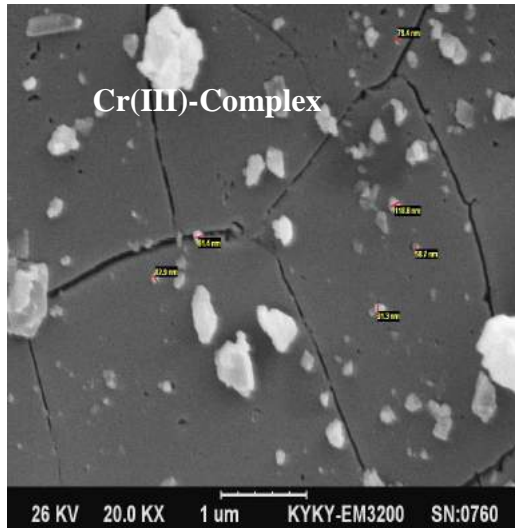
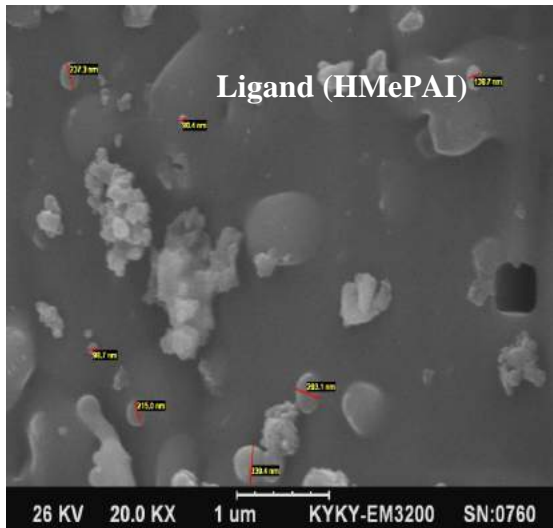


**Figure (11):- XRD patterns of ligand (HMePAI) and its prepared metal complexes**

### ***SEM Analysis***

The properties of the ligand and its metal complexes like surface morphology, distribution of particles, aggregation and shape of the particles study by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) technique. The SEM image of ligand and its metal complexes have been presented in figure 12. SEM image shows that the ligand (HMePAI) have form of peripheral spherical shape with average size 85 nm with a ratio of less than aggregation. The SEM complexes showed that the particles are agglomerated and non-uniform particles are observed in some cases. Moreover, SEM micrographs of the metal complexes revealed that the surface morphology of metal complexes is changed by changing the metal ions [61,62]. The calculations of particles size were performed using MagniSci software figure 12. The SEM image of Cr(III)-complex seemed heterogeneous surfaced type average particle size 175 nm. The SEM analysis of Mn(II)-complex appeared in the form of heterogeneous the surface with average particle size 145 nm. The SEM image of Fe(III)-complex appeared in the form of heterogeneous surface with average particle size of 155 nm. As the analysis of SEM for Co(III)-complex seemed heterogeneous surfaced type with average size of 120 nm. The SEM image for Ni(II)-complex appeared in the form of a small particle size is heterogeneous surface and the average particle size of 150 nm, either the analysis of SEM for Cu(II) appeared in the form of heterogeneous surface and the average particle size 160 nm. The SEM image of Zn(II)-complex seemed heterogeneous surfaced with average particle size 150 nm. The analysis of SEM for complex Cd(II)-complex appeared in the form of small particles size heterogeneous surface and the average particle size of 130 nm. The SEM image of Hg(II) seemed heterogeneous surfaced type with average particle size 125 nm.





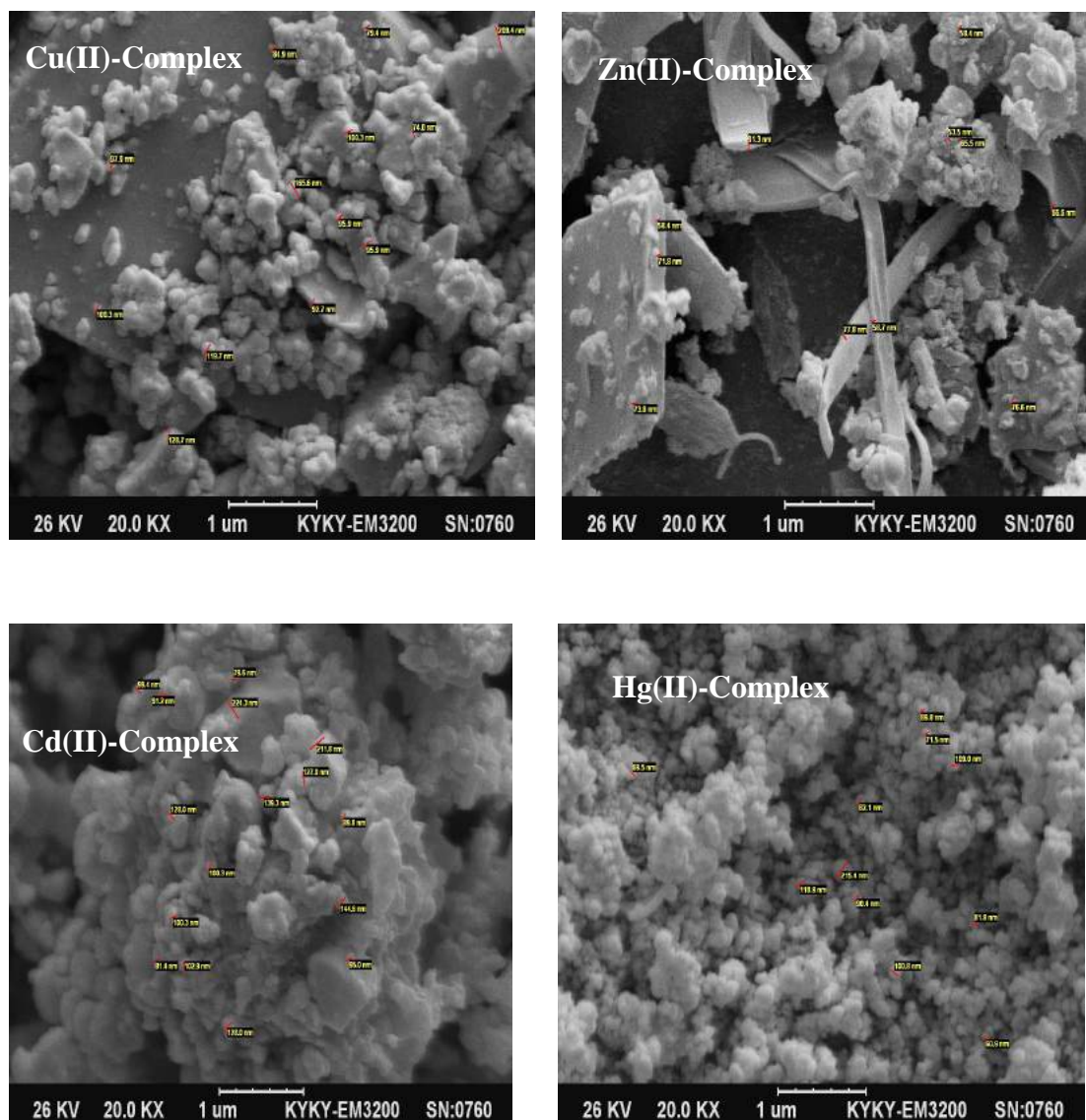


Figure (12):- SEM images of ligand (HMePAI) and prepared metal complexes

## Pharmacology Results :-

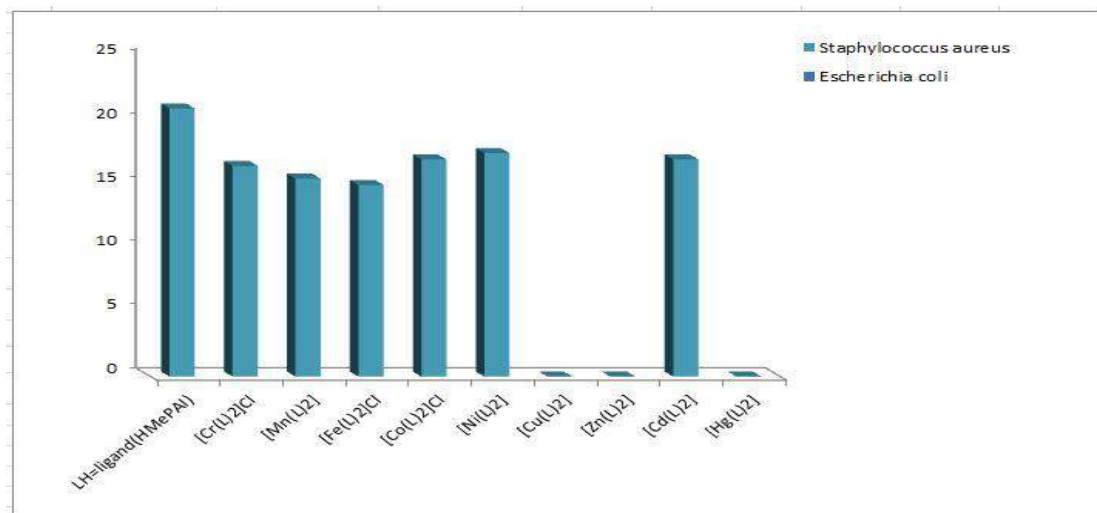
### 1. Antibacterial Activity

The antibacterial activity of azo dye ligand (HMePAI) and its metal complexes have been tested for in vitro growth inhibitory activity against gram-positive bacteria: *staphylococcus aureus*, Gram-negative bacteria: *Escherichia coli* by using spots diffusion method. All of tested ligand and its metal complexes show a remarkable antibacterial activity against tested bacteria. The results are listed in Table 5, and its statistical presentation is shown in figure 13. The *staphylococcus aureus* bacteria was of a high activity and sensitivity towards ligand and all metal complexes except the Cu(II), Zn(II) and Hg(II) complexes which were resistant and inactive while *Escherichia coli* bacteria which was inactive and not sensitive towards ligand and all metal complexes. The mechanism of action of antibacterial drug can be discussed under four headings: (1):inhibition of cell wall, (2): inhibition of cell membrane function, (3):inhibition of protein prepared and (4):inhibition of nucleic acid [29,63].

**Table(7):-Antibacterial activity data(zone of inhibition in mm) of azo dye ligand (HMePAI) and its metal complexes**

Compounds	Ligand (HMePAI)	Cr (III)	Mn (II)	Fe (III)	Co (III)	Ni (II)	Cu (II)	Zn (II)	Cd (II)	Hg (II)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	+++ 21 mm	+++ 16.5 mm	+++ 15.5 mm	+++ 15.0 mm	+++ 17 mm	+++ 17.5 mm	— 0 mm	— 0 mm	+++ 17 mm	— 0 mm
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Note: Highly active = +++ Inhibition zone >12mm**



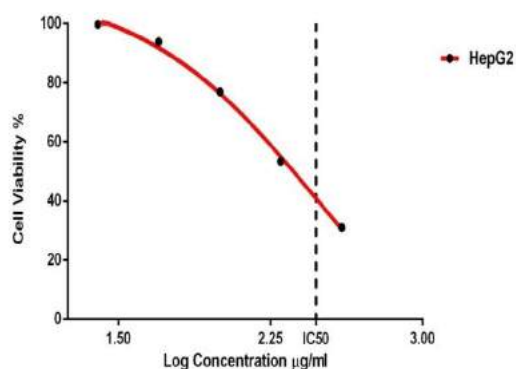
**Figure(13):- Statistical representation for antibacterial activity of azo dye ligand (HMePAI) and its metal complexes**

## 2.Cell viability And cytotoxicity Assays

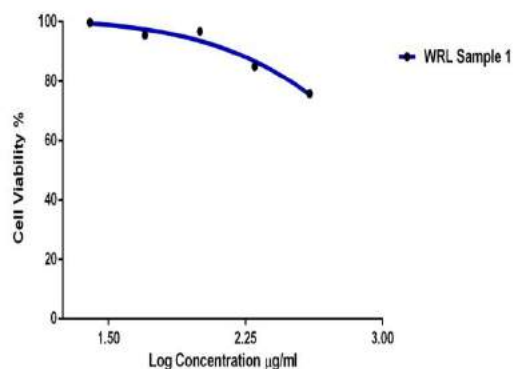
The lines of cancerous liver cells of the type HePG<sub>2</sub> are used and compared with line of the ordinary cells. These lines are gotten from department of pharmacology /faculty of medicine center for natural product research and drug discovery/University of Malya/Kualalampur/Malaysia. Freshney method is used for the development of the cell of cancerous cell line of the liver HePG<sub>2</sub>. The data is statistically analyzed by a one way analysis of variance ANOVA (Duncan) was performed to test whether group variance was significant or not. Data were expressed as mean ± standard error and statistical significances were carried out using SPSS program version 20 and drowned using Graph Pad Prism version 6. The figures 14,15,16 and 17 show the relation between the biological activity of the cancerous line cell of the liver HePG<sub>2</sub> and normal line cells of the liver WRL and the concentration of the ligand and its complex with Ni(II) ion. It is observed that the inhibition of the ligand (HMePAI) differs with difference of cell line where the number of the remaining living cells after the reaction with Ni(II)-complex is about (99.62-47.07)% for the cancerous cell line of the liver HePG<sub>2</sub> and (99.57-90.86)% for normal cell line WRL. It is observed that the highest ratio of the inhibition of the ligand for the cancerous cell line of the liver HePG<sub>2</sub> is 47.07% whereas the ratio of the normal cell line WRL is 99.86% for the living cells and this indicates that Ni(II)-complex has a higher efficiency than the ligand inhibiting the growth of cancerous cells. The reason behind this inhibition of the growth of cancer cell is that the ligand and Ni(II)-complex include imidazole ring which has a high efficiency in inhibiting or stopping the growth of cancer cells. Moreover, increasing the efficiency in inhibiting the growth of cancer cells by using Ni(II)-complex is more than that in the ligand because it includes two imidazole rings. These kind of imidazole compounds are used in treating blood cancer, lung cancer, hepatomegaly and breast cancer [64,65].

The results show also that the type of compound and its concentration has an essential role in determining the ratio of inhibiting the growth of cancer cells depending on the dose which increases the inhibition by increasing the concentration to certain limits where the lesser the concentration the material, the easier it is to penetrate the outer membrane of the cells, but not to limit the dilution which loses its effectiveness.

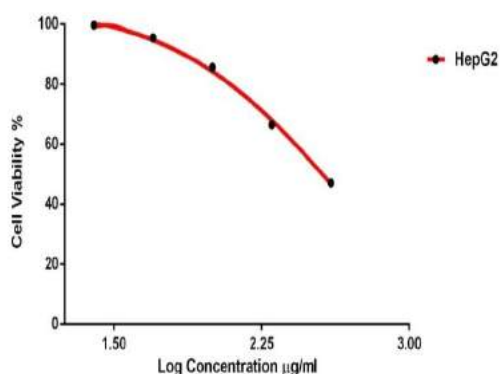
Also it has been found through the tests conducted on ligand and its complex with Ni(II) ion to know inhibition concentration fifty which is symbolized as IC<sub>50</sub>, that in case of using ligand, it kills half of infected cells and its effect will be lesser on the non-infected cells because it needs high concentration for its half to be killed, i.e. it is about four times of the concentration required to kill cancerous cells. In case of Ni(II)-complex, it is observed that IC<sub>50</sub> is not within concentration used and this can be considered an excellent result, the Ni(II)-complex kills the cancerous cells and its effect is imperceptible on the normal cells because they need very high concentration in order for their half to be killed where it reaches approximately three hundred times required to kill half of the cancerous cells. This is an important and new result in our study. The Tables 8,9,10 and 11 show the results mentioned above. Through assays conducted to identify the possibility of using the ligand (HMePAI) and Ni(II)-complex ant-cancer drugs.



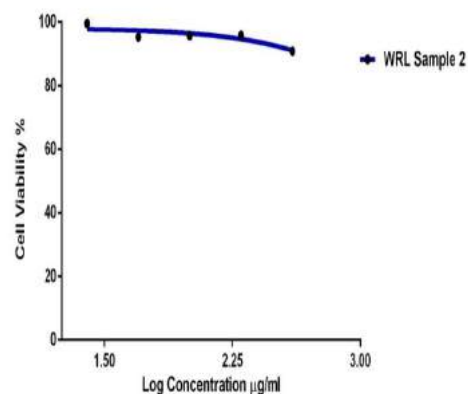
**Figure(14):-**The relation between the biological activity of the cancerous line cell of the liver HePG<sub>2</sub> and the concentration of the ligand (HMePAI)



**Figure(15):-** The relation between the biological activity of the normal line cell of the liver WRL and the concentration of the ligand (HMePAI)



**Figure(16):-** The relation between the biological activity of the cancerous line cell of the liver HePG<sub>2</sub> and the concentration of the Ni(II)-complex



**Figure(17):-** The relation between the biological activity of the normal line cell of the liver WRL and the concentration of the Ni(II)-complex

Table(8):- The relation between the inhibition concentration fifty (IC50) for the ligand (HMePAI) and the cancerous line cells of the liver HePG<sub>2</sub>

Nonlin fit		A HePG <sub>2</sub>
		Y
1	Log(inhibitor) vs. response (three parameters)	
2	Best-fit values	
3	Bottom	-30.76
4	Top	112.2
5	Log IC50	2.477
6	IC50	299.9
7	Span	143.0
8	Std. Error	
9	Bottom	17.38
10	Top	3.433
11	Log IC50	0.1213
12	Span	15.08
13	95% confidence Intervals	
14	Bottom	-105.5 to 44.02
15	Top	97.44 to 127.0
16	Log IC50	1.955 to 2.999
17	IC50	90.16 to 997.4
18	Span	78.08 to 207.9
19	Goodness of fit	
20	Degrees of freedom	2
21	R square	0.9970
22	Absolute Sum of Square	9.832
23	Sy.x	2.217
24		
25	Number of points	
26	Analyzed	5

Table(9):- The relation between the inhibition concentration fifty (IC50) for the ligand (HMePAI) and the normal line cells of the liver WRL

Nonlin fit		A WRL
		Y
1	Log(inhibitor) vs. response (three parameters)	
2	Best-fit values	
3	Bottom	-4.703
4	Top	101.5
5	Log IC50	3.092
6	IC50	1236
7	Span	106.2
8	Std. Error	
9	Bottom	192.7
10	Top	3.380
11	Log IC50	1.057
12	Span	190.2
13	95% confidence Intervals	
14	Bottom	-833.9 to 824.5
15	Top	86.96 to 116.0
16	Log IC50	-1.454 to 7.638
17	IC50	0.03512 to 4.348e+007
18	Span	-712.2 to 924.6
19	Goodness of fit	
20	Degrees of freedom	2
21	R square	0.9566
22	Absolute Sum of Square	16.96
23	Sy.x	2.912
24		
25	Number of points	
26	Analyzed	5

Table(10):- The relation between the inhibition concentration fifty (IC50) for the Ni(II)-complex and the cancerous line cells of the liver HePG<sub>2</sub>

Nonlin fit		A HePG <sub>2</sub>
		Y
1	Log(inhibitor) vs. response (three parameters)	
2	Best-fit values	
3	Bottom	-25.55
4	Top	107.3
5	Log IC50	2.678
6	IC50	476.2
7	Span	132.8
8	Std. Error	
9	Bottom	25.56
10	Top	2.396
11	Log IC50	0.1544
12	Span	23.86
13	95% confidence Intervals	
14	Bottom	-135.5 to 84.44
15	Top	96.97 to 117.6
16	Log IC50	2.013 to 3.342
17	IC50	103.1 to 2199
18	Span	30.14 to 235.5
19	Goodness of fit	
20	Degrees of freedom	2
21	R square	0.9967
22	Absolute Sum of Square	6.257
23	Sy.x	1.769
24		
25	Number of points	
26	Analyzed	5

Table(11):- The relation between the inhibition concentration fifty (IC50) for the Ni(II)-complex and the normal line cells of the liver WRL

Nonlin fit		A WRL
		Y
1	Log(inhibitor) vs. response (three parameters)	Ambiguous
2	Best-fit values	
3	Bottom	~ -2426
4	Top	98.17
5	Log IC50	~5.154
6	IC50	~142711
7	Span	~2524
8	Std. Error	
9	Bottom	~1.449e+006
10	Top	2.259
11	Log IC50	~250.0
12	Span	~1.449e+006
13	95% confidence Intervals	
14	Bottom	(Very wide)
15	Top	88.45 to 107.9
16	Log IC50	(Very wide)
17	IC50	(Very wide)
18	Span	(Very wide)
19	Goodness of fit	
20	Degrees of freedom	2
21	R square	0.7561
22	Absolute Sum of Square	9.329
23	Sy.x	2.160
24		
25	Number of points	
26	Analyzed	5

## Conclusions

In the present study we report the preparation, spectral and thermal identification of Cr(III), Mn(II), Fe(III), Co(III), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zn(II), Cd(II) and Hg(II) complexes of aryl azo imidazole ligand (HMePAI) have been carried out by elemental analysis (C.H.N), <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra, mass spectra, thermal analysis, XRD diffraction, UV-Visb. spectral studies, magnetic susceptibility, and molar conductance data. The azo dye ligand (HMePAI) acts as neutral tridentate coordinating through phenolic oxygen, nitrogen of azo group (N<sub>3</sub>) which is the farthest of imidazole ring and nitrogen of imidazole ring (N<sub>3</sub>) to form two five memberd metal rings. On the basis of their analytical and spectral data, we propose octahedral geometry for metal complexes. The ligand and its metal complexes different morphologies as appeared in XRD and SEM studies. The ligand and its metal complexes are found to have higher biological activities. Also the study of ligand and Ni(II)-complex in cells viability and cytotoxicity assays by using the lines of cancerous liver cells, of the type HePG2 and compared with line of the ordinary cells, through tests conducted to identify the possibility of using the ligand and Ni(II)-complex ant-cancer drug.

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