



## SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION, AND INVESTIGATION OF SCHIFF BASES IN RELATION TO THEIR ANALYTICAL USE

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#### INTRODUCTION

A Schiff base, named after Hugo Schiff, is a compound with a functional group that contains a carbon-nitrogen double bond with the nitrogen atom connected to an aryl or alkyl group, not hydrogen. Schiff bases in a broad sense have the general formula  $R_1R_2C=NR_3$ , where R is an organic side chain. In this definition, Schiff base is synonymous with azomethines. Some restrict the term to the secondary aldimines (azomethines where the carbon is connected to a hydrogen atom), thus with the general formula  $RCH=NR'$ . The chain on the nitrogen makes the Schiff base stable imines. A Schiff base derived from aniline, where  $R_3$  is a phenyl or a substituted phenyl. Schiff bases are formed when any primary amine reacts with an aldehyde or a ketone under specific conditions. Structurally, a Schiff base (also known as an imines or azomethines) is a nitrogen analog of an aldehyde or ketone in which the carbonyl group ( $C=O$ ) has been replaced by an imines or azomethines group. Schiff bases are some of the most widely used organic compounds. We also highlight the most significant examples of compounds belonging to this class, which exhibit analgesic, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial and non-ulcerogenic activities to have been reported in the literature. Schiff bases are crystalline or oily substances that are insoluble in water and soluble in organic solvents. They are weak bases, forming salts with acids in an anhydrous medium; in aqueous acid solutions, they undergo hydrolysis to yield an amine and aldehyde. The majority of Schiff bases are stable in alkaline solutions. Schiff bases are valuable intermediate products of organic synthesis, for example, in the preparation of secondary amines and various heterocyclic compounds. The Schiff bases known as azomethines dyes are used for dyeing acetate and synthetic fibers; they are also used in color photography to reduce the photosensitivity of photographic emulsions.

These have several applications in organic studies, such as for building new heterocyclic systems, for identification, detection, and determination of aldehydes and ketones, for purification of carbonyl or amino compounds, or for the protection of these groups during the complex formation or such sensitive reactions. They have other side applications in various other fields, coordination chemistry, analytical chemistry, pigments and dyes, and polymer industries, in vitamins and enzymes for model biomolecules. There is a special mention of these complexes in agriculture as fungicides, pesticides, and bacteriocides. Survey of the literature for SB metal complexes and their applications showed excellent review articles for the detailed understanding of this class of compounds in all respects and one more especially dedicated to copper complexes. They provide several details on number of metal complexes derived from SBs used widely for applications in food and dye industry, analytical chemistry, catalysis, polymers, antifertility, agrochemical, anti-inflammatory activity, antiradical activities, and biological systems as enzymatic agents. Several have reviewed them in light of their antimicrobial, antibacterial, antifungal, antitumor, and cytotoxic activities. There are some individual articles too not mentioned in them with studies on the above mentioned types of activities with some metals ions such as  $Cu(II)$ ,  $Ni(II)$ , and  $Co(II)$  with SB derived from salicylaldehyde and 2-substituted aniline. Cobalt(II) complexes with thiosemicarbazone found potent antitumor agents.  $Mn(II)$ ,  $Ni(II)$ ,  $Cd(II)$ ,  $Zn(II)$ ,  $Cu(II)$  Complexes of 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbaldehyde 4N-(2-pyridyl) thiosemicarbazone Showed good cytotoxic activity while cobalt complex showed better antioxidant activity.

Schiff base metal complexes have been studied extensively because of their attractive chemical and physical properties and their wide range of applications in numerous scientific areas. These types of complexes have been vigorously explored in recent years and such studies have

been the subject of many papers and reviews.

#### MATERIAL AND METHOD:-

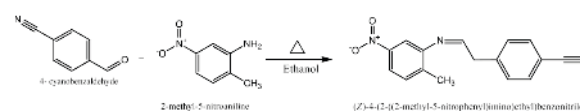
All the chemicals of Sigma Aldrich were purchased, and solvents were distilled before use. Melting point was recorded on DBK digital melting point apparatus.  $^1H$  NMR, IR and Mass spectra were recorded at SAIF, Punjab University, Chandigarh, India.

#### Synthesis Of Ligand:-

##### 1) (E)-4-bromo-N-(5-Bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-chloroaniline:

(E)-4-bromo-N-(5-Bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-chloroaniline was synthesized as per known procedure (Gupta et al). 4-Bromo-2-Chloroaniline (0.51 gm) dissolved in 8 to 10 ml ethanol in hot condition. Then 0.53 gm 5-Bromo-o-anisaldehyde dissolved in ethanol was added and kept reaction mixture for refluxing with stirring for 8 to 9 hrs. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was poured on ice cold water with constant stirring (20 to 25 min.) by which crystals of the product were formed. Then filtered and dried. The ligand is soluble in ethanol.

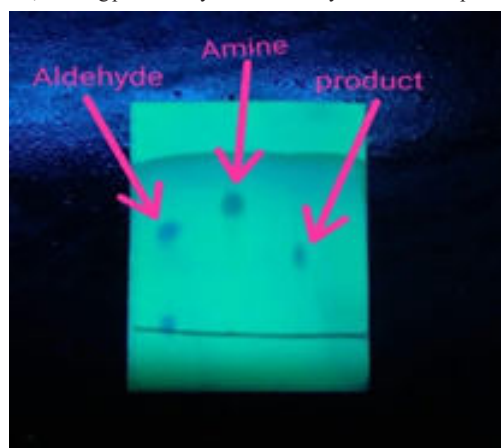
#### Reaction Scheme:



#### RESULT AND DISCUSSION:

(E)-4-bromo-N-(5-Bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-chloroaniline the reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography and the products isolated were single spot.

Compound Table – represent the Molecular weight, molecular formula, Melting point & % yield of all the synthesized compound.



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**Stationary Phase:** silica

**Mobile Phase:** n-hexane and ethyl acetate (8:2 ratio)

#### FTIR Spectra For Ligands

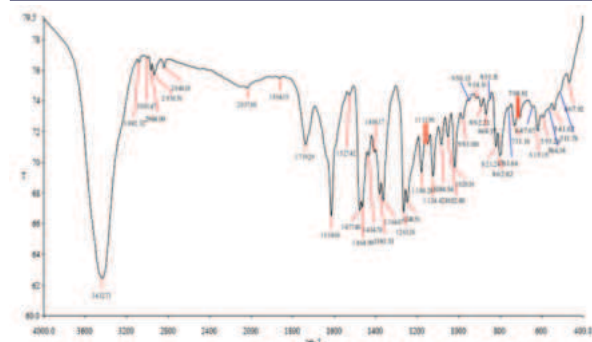


Fig.-

### FTIR Spectrum of (E)-4-bromo-N-(5-Bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-chloroaniline

All the synthesized compounds were confirmed by FTIR spectra. FTIR data of (E)-4-bromo-N-(5-Bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-chloroaniline compound is Following:

- $\nu(\text{OH})$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  = 3245
- $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  = 1603
- $\nu(\text{R}-\text{C}-\text{N})$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  = 1168
- $\nu(\text{Ar}-\text{O})$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  = 1368

### Mass Spectroscopy:-

All compounds were studied with mass spectroscopy and found confirmed formation of compounds. The peaks obtained showed good agreement between theoretical and observed values.

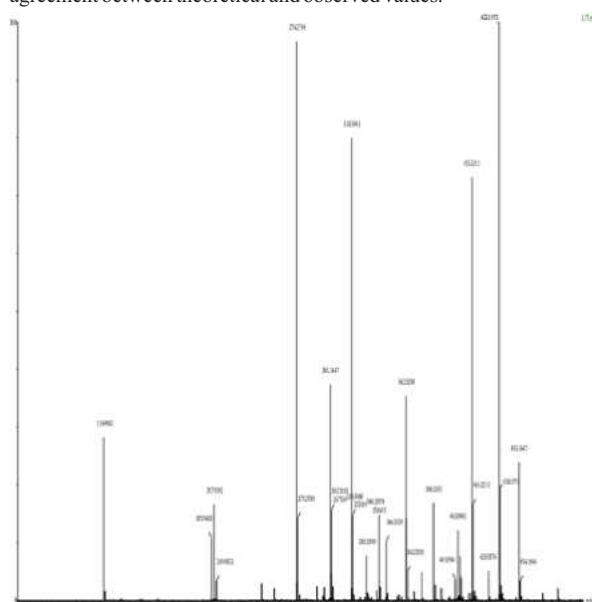


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### Mass spectrum of (E)-4-bromo-N-(5-Bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-chloroaniline

The molecular weight have been confirmed with mass spectrum

### Observe Data -

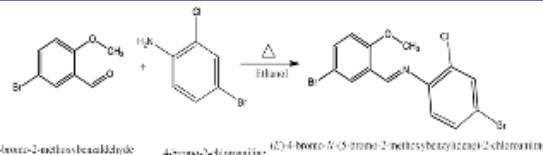
Calculated Mass: 403

Observed Mass: 402

### 2) (Z)-4-((2-methyl-5-nitrophenyl) amino) methyl benzonitrile:

(Z)-4-((2-methyl-5-nitrophenyl) amino) methyl benzonitrile was synthesized as per known procedure 2-methyl-5-nitroaniline (0.10gm) dissolved in 8 to 10 ml ethanol in hot condition (Gupta et al.). Then 0.65 gm 4-Cyanobenzaldehyde dissolved in ethanol was added and kept reaction mixture for refluxing with stirring for 8 to 9 hrs. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was poured on ice cold water with constant stirring (20 to 25 min.) by which crystals of the product were formed. Then filtered and dried. The ligand is soluble in ethanol.

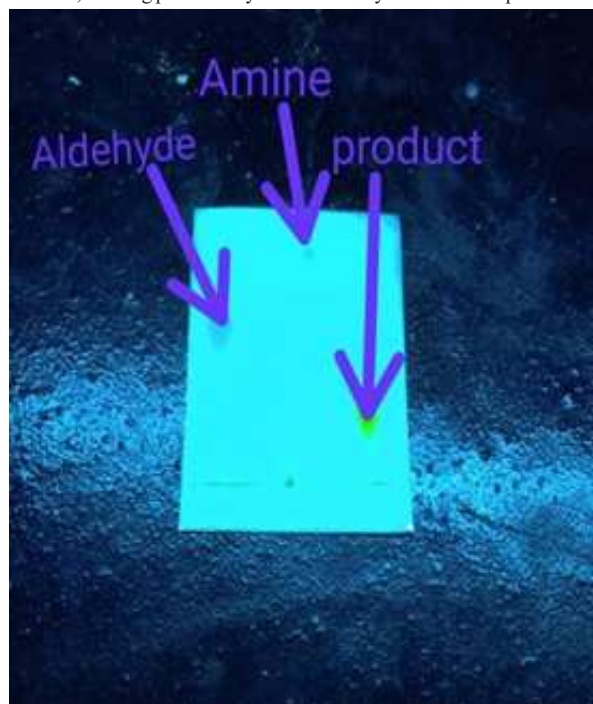
### Reaction Scheme :



### RESULT AND DISCUSSION-

(E)-N-(5-bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-methyl-5-nitroaniline reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography and the products isolated were single spot.

Compound Table – Represent the Molecular weight, molecular formula, Melting point & % yield of all the synthesized compound.



### Thin Layer Chromatographs:

(E)-N-(5-bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-methyl-5-nitroaniline

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### FTIR Spectra For Ligands

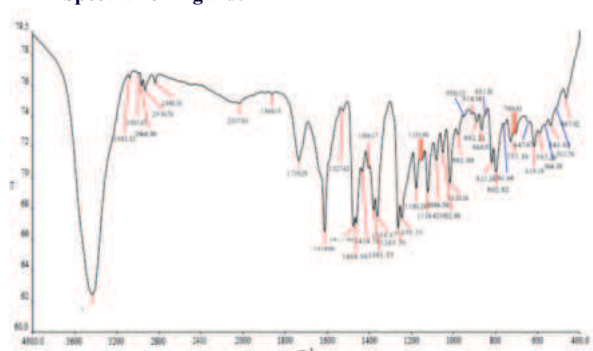


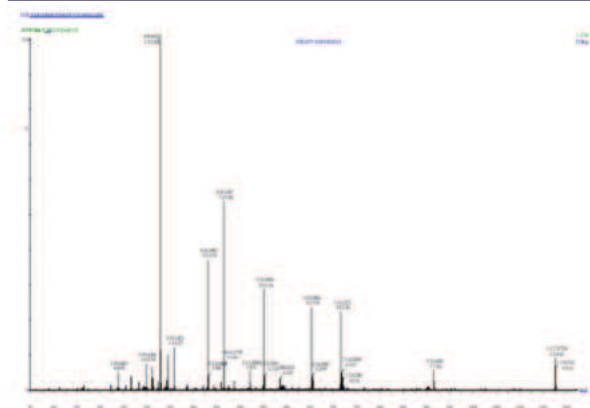
Fig-

FTIR Spectrum of (E)-N-(5-bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-methyl-5-nitroaniline

All the synthesized compounds were confirmed by FTIR spectra. FTIR data of (E)-N-(5-bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-methyl-5-nitroaniline compound is Following:

- $\nu(\text{OH})$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  = 3410
- $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  = 1612
- $\nu(\text{R}-\text{C}-\text{N})$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  = 1174
- $\nu(\text{Ar}-\text{O})$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  = 1376

### Mass Spectroscopy:-



**Fig-**  
Mass spectrum of (E)-N-(5-bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-methyl-5-nitroaniline:

The molecular weight has been confirmed with mass spectrum.

#### Observe data.-

Calculated mass: 349

Observed mass: 349

#### Data of Synthesized Compounds:

Sr. No.	Name of the Compound	Molecular Formula	Molecular Weight	M.P.	Nature and Colour	% Practical Yield
1	(E)-4-bromo-N-(5-bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-aniline	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>10</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O	402	231° C	Yellow	60.00
2	(Z)-4-((2-methyl-5-nitrophenylamino)methyl)benzonitrile.	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	277	216° C	White	52.38
3	(E)-N-(5-bromo-2-methoxybenzylidene)-2-methyl-5-nitroaniline	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	349	248° C	slightly	55.00

#### CONCLUSIONS:

- Three Ligands have been synthesized.
- All synthesized compounds have been characterized by, FTIR and Mass spectroscopic techniques.
- Significant antimicrobial activity, suggesting applications in pharmaceuticals.
- Distinct optical properties, useful for optical devices and materials.
- Further extension work regarding anti microbial studies will be carried out in future.

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