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# An in-vitro anti-inflammatory and anti-microbial essential on Ni(II), Cd(II) mixed ligand complexes by using 2,4-dinitrophenyl hydrazine and dimethylglyoxime



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## ABSTRACT

The objective of the present work deals among synthesis as well as characterization of Ni(II), Cd(II) mixed ligand complex were derived from 2,4 di-nitrophenyl hydrazine and dimethyl glyoxime. The mixed ligand metal complexes were prepared via 2,4-dinitrophenyl hydrazine as well as dimethylglyoxime among Ni(II) and Cd(II) in molar ratio (M:L1:L1) 1:1:1. CHNO analysis, conductivity measurement, PXRD, SEM, UV-visible, infrared spectrum, and magnetic susceptibility, thermal analysis were used to characterized the synthesized compounds. According to the study of the results, all of the metal complexes have octahedral geometry. The molar conductance value indicate that non-electrolytic character of compounds Ni(II), Cd(II). According to the powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns, all of the compounds are crystalline character. Moreover the Ni(II), Cd(II) complexes were very stable in terms of thermal stability. Metal complexes have been tested against Gram-positive (*S. aureus*, *B. subtilis* and *A. niger*) and Gram-negative (*P. aeruginosa*, *E. coli* and *C. albicans*) pathogenic bacteria as well as fungus. As a result, the metal complexes have reported strong antimicrobial efficiency.

**Conclusions:** Furthermore, applications of metal compounds were tested for anti-inflammatory efficiency utilize egg albumin. Result shows that the activities of metal complexes are good.

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## 1. Introduction

Many researchers are focusing on mixed chelating metal complexes because they are more important than ever in pharmacological applications such as antimicrobial and fungal, antitumor, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer (Siddiki et al., 2021). Recent

evaluations in the fields of bioinorganic and medicinal chemistry contain enhanced the coordination chemistry of transition metal ions using several variety of ligands (Hossain and Banu, 2019). In an important field of research, transition elements play a vital part in the use of transition metals complexes as medicines for the treatment of numerous disorders (Muthuppalani et al., 2022). Metal complexes that are stable and safe among active metal sites are useful as biological probes (Raman et al., 2012). The environment roughly the metals centre, such as coordination structures, ligands, and donator classes, is one of the most important aspects for metallo enzymes to accomplish their specific physiological function (Sujamol et al., 2010). The 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNPH) is an important component in biological and pharmacological processes (Devi et al., 2010). It is a more over essential class of medicines counterpart of H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub> (hydrazine) (Nasiru, 2012).

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N (Nitrogen) and O (Oxygen) can be brought together since they are both beneficial to bio-inorganic processes (Journal, 2011). Dimethylglyoxime was among the most widely utilised ligand for coordinating nickel ions in priority, which also forms Ni-DMG compounds due to attribute specificity and consistency (Padma Rao et al., 2013). The oxime molecule ( $>C=N-OH$ ) is amphoteric, with slightly basic nitrogen as well as moderately acidic hydroxyl groups, and is thought to be formed from oxy-imine. Many transition metals in the Periodic Table react on dioxime ligands to generate extremely reliable complexes. Furthermore, the Dioximes can coordinate through the oxime groups' N, N or N, O sites. As a result, some Dioximes compounds showed considerable anti - carcinogenic and therapeutic efficacy (Shaker, 2010).

The current research has developed Ni(II) and Cd(II) compounds utilizing 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNPH) with dimethyl glyoxime (DMG), moreover physico-chemical characteristics and also to investigate the biological capability of DNPH with compounds of Ni(II), Cd(II).

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1. Materials

All of the chemicals have been obtained from commercial sources and used without additional purified process (NiCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O, CdCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O and dimethyl glyoxime (DMG) from Merck as well as 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine from Sigma Aldrich, and also solvents such as dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), dimethyl formaldehyde (DMF), Ethanol, Acetone, as well as Methanol, utilized as an AnalaR grad.

### 2.2. Physicochemical characterization

The Elementar Vario EL III CHNO analyzer was used to accomplish the elemental analysis. A conductivity evaluation became observed from (Equip – Tronics, eq-661A) analyser at room temperature in DMF medium ( $10^{-3}$  M). Infra-red spectrum was obtained utilising Agilent spectrophotometer in the wavelength from 4000 to 400  $cm^{-1}$  based on the KBr pellet method. UV-visible absorption spectra were collected to use a JASCO V-630 with a 1 nm optical resolution with wavelengths range between 300 and 800 nm, whereas PXRD patterns were obtained using a Shimadzu PW3050/60 with CuK1 = 1.5406 and CuK2 1.5444. Thermal analysis was carried out (Perkin Elmer thermal analyzer) and the SEM photographs were taken with a ZEISS apparatus. Furthermore the magnetic behavior evaluated from (Model MsB-MK1) using Guey's Balance.

### 2.3. Preparation of Ni(II), and Cd(II) complexes

Mixed ligand Ni(II) as well as Cd(II) complexes have been obtained via adding a hot DMF solution of (10 mM) DNPH dropwise to an EtOH solution of Nickel(II), Cadmium(II) chloride (10 mM) and ethanol solution of (10 Mm) DMG mixture (1:1:1) ratios. At 60 °C, the reaction mixture was stirred in addition to refluxed for four hours. Finally, a colored complexes Scheme 1



**Scheme 1.** Schematic representation of Ni(II) and Cd(II) mixed ligand complexes.

precipitation was obtained and rinsed with EtOH solutions before even being dried under vacuum onto anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub> desiccators.

### 2.4. In-vitro antimicrobial studies

Disc dispersal was utilized to investigate the antimicrobial potential of Ni(II) and Cd(II) complexes against a variety of gram (positive, negative) bacteria as well as fungi (*C. albicans*, *A. niger*, *B. subtilis*, *S. aureus*, *P. aeruginosa* and *E. coli*). Ni(II), Cd(II) components was diluted in DMSO. Individually, the solution variations (30, 60  $\mu g/ml$ ) were set up. The prepared disks were placed in petri plates containing nutrient medium seeded through each bacterial and fungal serum individually after being dipped in a specific variant of complexes. Every plat was incubated at 37 °C for 24 and 48 h for bacterial and fungal growth, as well as the zone of inhibition value was recorded (Aly and Fathalla, 2020; Shukla and Mishra, 2019).

#### 2.4.1. Microorganisms

The microorganisms species employed in the biological tests included *E. coli* (MTCC 732), *Staphylococcus aureus* (MTCC 3160), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (MTCC 424), and *Bacillus subtilis* (MTCC 441), while the fungal species are *Aspergillus niger* (MTCC 10180), as well as *Candida albicans* (MTCC 10183). The Institute of Molecular Biology and biotechnology (IMTECH) in Chandigarh, India, provided the MTCC (microbial variety cultured collections).

#### 2.4.2. Preparation of dried filter paper discs

Filter papers (No. 1) have been used to form disc with a 6 mm diameter that were sterilised in warm air. Upon sterilisation, discs was supplied containing 30  $\mu g/ml$  and 60  $\mu g/ml$  from each sample, with a 60  $\mu g/ml$  chloramphenicol as well as fluconazole standard stock solution and a 60  $\mu g/ml$  control solution being used correlate the sample solution. They are preserved cold even though they were being used in the test.

#### 2.4.3. In-vitro antimicrobial evaluations

Antimicrobial was accomplished via disc dispersal technique utilising tests. 30 ml of Nutrient agar (NA) medium as well as PDA (Potato dextrose agar) standard was poured into petri plates. Using a micropipette, the experiment organism were injected on consolidated agar platter and distributed for 10 mints before drying. Bacteria from a broth culture were used to isolate the surface areas of the medium. Before evenly inoculating the whole facade of the NA/PDA platter, a sterilized cotton brush is soaked within a standardised microbiological experiment mixture. In a nutshell, inoculums of microbe's embrace were diffuse on agar platter. The germ-free filter sheets (six millimeter width) comprising disks have been loaded to 30  $\mu g/ml$  as well as 60  $\mu g/ml$  of every sample, 60  $\mu g/ml$  of control, and 60  $\mu g/ml$  from each sample utilising sterile forceps. A standard solution was placed on the area of the infused agar platter. Bacterial strains were infused on 37 °C at 24 h, whereas fungal strains were incubated for 48 h. Each sample was examined three times.

#### 2.4.4. Measurement of inhibition zones

The antibacterial property of the evaluation substances had been calculated using the mean diameter of the inhibition zones around the disc in mm. A millimeter scale was used to assess the inhibition zones of the microorganisms evaluated by the substances.

## 2.5. Anti-inflammatory properties of metal complexes

### 2.5.1. Inhibition of albumin denaturation

0.2 ml new hen's egg albumin, 2.8 ml phosphate buffered saline (PBS, pH 6.4), as well as 2 ml of different metal compound ratios (100, 200, 300, 400, and 500 µg/ml) were included in the reaction mixture (5 ml). As a control, similar amounts of double-distilled water were used. The mixes were then heated on 70°Celsius for five minutes behind being incubated at (37 °C) in an incubator for 15 min. After cooling, the absorbance was in use at 660 nm to use a solution as a control. For the purposes of evaluating absorbance, diclofenac sodium was used as a reference drug, with final concentrations ranging from 100 to 500 µg/ml. The percentage inhibitions of protein denaturation were determined using the method (Hasan, 2019):

$$\text{Percentage of inhibition (\%)} = [1 - V_t/V_c] \times 100 \quad (1)$$

wherever,

V<sub>c</sub> = absorbance of control.

V<sub>t</sub> = absorbance of experiment sample.

Three different tests were conducted in triplicate. The quantity of sample required inhibiting concentration by 50%, or IC<sub>50</sub>, was graphically calculated using Ms-Windows based graph pad Instate software using a linear regression technique. The result was represented graphically as average standard deviation.

## 3. Result and discussion

The physical characteristics of metal complexes, together with their analytical dates, are given through Table 1. A Ni(II), Cd(II) compounds were also stabilised at room temperature. The complexes are solubility using DMF and DMSO, but not in other organic solvents. The empirical values of C.H.N.S. analysis of ligand and metal compounds are in good agreement with theoretical computed values, with complexes ratios of 1:1:1 between metal and ligands.

### 3.1. Molar conductance

Molar conductance values of the metal complex were measured at  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M accumulation of DMF solvent as well as entire compounds showed conductance in the range of 25.47–20.39 Ω<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> at 37 °C was shown in (Table 2). The lowest conductivity

value suggested that Ni(II) and Cd(II) complexes were non-electrolytes (Manimaran et al., 2021).

### 3.2. FT-IR spectra analysis of nickel(II) and Cd(II) mixed ligand complexes

FTIR spectrum of the Ni(II) and Cd(II) mixed ligand complexes, to investigated mode of bonding DNP and DMG ligands to Ni (II), Cd(II) ion. Fig. 1 shows the characteristic bands of a infrared spectra of mixed ligand metal complexes. FTIR spectrum of DNP (2,4-dinitrophenyl hydrazine) revealed sharp peaks at 3324 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to ν(N-H) wavelength shifted to the a higher frequency on 3350–3310 cm<sup>-1</sup> shows nitrogen was involved in the coordination of the center metal atom. The ν(NO) band was shows on 1320 cm<sup>-1</sup> were observed from DNP, furthermore these band was shift toward the lower in 25–21 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the complexes. These shifts be able to explained by the ligand was coordinated with metal ions through oxygen (Anantha Lakshmi et al., 2008). At lower wavelength 3100–3092 cm<sup>-1</sup> the wide band about 3211 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which was assigned to ν(O-H) stretching modes in DMG, was detected on metal complexes spectrum. The impact of coordination of the oxygen atom of the OH group following deprotonation was attributed to this observation (Devi et al., 2018). The lower frequency some new band appear in metal complexes observed at

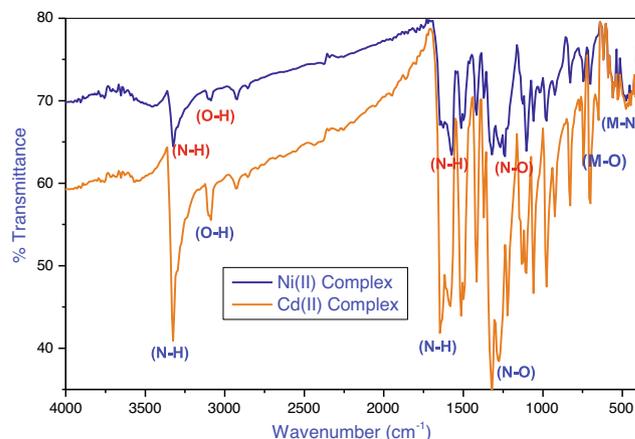


Fig. 1. FTIR Spectrum of Ni(II) and Cd(II) mixed ligand complexes.

Table 1

Physical data as well as analytical characterization of metal compounds.

Complexes	M.F	MW	Color of the complexes	% of yield	Elemental analysis Found/(calculated)					
					%C	%H	%N	%O	%Cl	% Metal
[Ni(DNP)(DMG)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NiCl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	442.85	Red	84	27.12	2.96	18.98	21.68	16.01	13.25
					27.24	2.93	18.88	21.64	16.03	13.26
[Cd(DNP)(DMG)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>13</sub> CdCl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	496.56	brown	72	24.19	2.64	16.92	19.33	14.28	22.64
					24.15	2.68	16.87	19.31	14.26	22.59

Table 2

UV-Visible absorption spectral data and magnetic moment values.

Complex	λ <sub>max</sub> (nm)	Band assignments	Geometry	Magnetic Moment (B.M)	Λ <sub>m</sub> Ω <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> mole <sup>-1</sup>
[Ni(DNP)(DMG)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	384	n-π*LMCT	Octahedral	5.1	25.48
	465	( <sup>3</sup> A <sub>2g</sub> - <sup>3</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> (P))			
[Cd(DNP)(DMG)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	379	n-π*	Octahedral	Diamagnetic	19.39
	452	LMCT			

475–416  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 559–530  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  that has related to M–N and also M–O significantly (Adly et al., 2020; Ferraz et al., 2009).

### 3.3. Electronic spectral data and magnetic moments

The electronic spectrum of Ni(II) and Cd(II) mixed ligand complexes data illustrated in Table 2 and Fig. 2. The electronic spectra of the Ni(II) complex exhibits a strong absorption band at 384, 465 nm which is according to  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  ${}^3A_2g \rightarrow {}^3T_1g(P)$ . Transitions imply that the metal ion is surrounded by an octahedral geometry. The magnetic moment of the Ni(II) complex measured 3.14B.M, confirming the metal complex's octahedral geometry (Anantha Lakshmi et al., 2008).

The absorption band at 379, 452 nm in the electronic spectra of the Cd(II) complex may be ascribed to the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  and LMCT. Transitions imply that the metal ion is surrounded by an octahedral geometry. The diamagnetic nature of the Cd(II) complex may be seen in its magnetic moment value (Sulekh Chandra and Monika Tyagi, 2009).

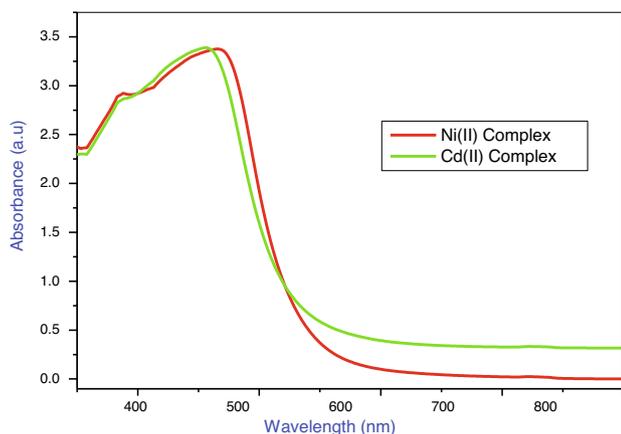


Fig. 2. Electronic Spectrum of Nickel(II) and Cadmium(II) mixed ligand complexes.

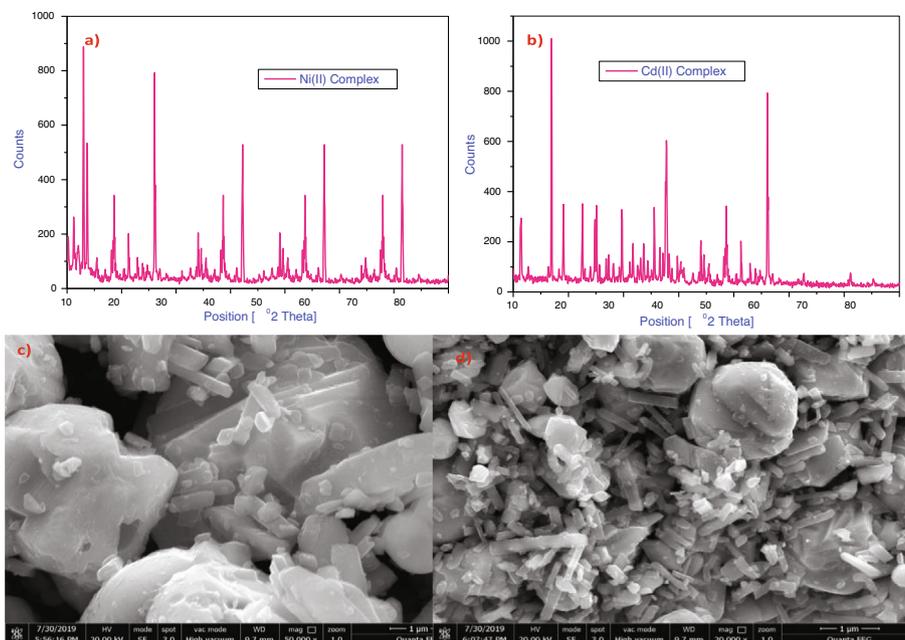


Fig. 3. PXRD patterns of a) Ni(II) complex, b) Cd(II) complex and SEM spectrum of c) Ni(II) complex, d) Cd(II) complexes.

### 3.4. PXRD analysis

Fig. 3a and b shows the PXRD (powder X-ray diffraction) study of Ni(II), Cd(II) compounds in the range of  $2\theta = 10\text{--}80^\circ$ . It's described as prominent crystalline peaks seen in metal complexes that reveal the complexes' crystalline nature. Debye Scherrer's equation was used to compute the crystallite size of the complexes (Netalkar et al., 2014).

$$D = 0.9\lambda / \beta \cos\theta$$

where

Constant as 0.9,  $\lambda$  (Cu  $K\alpha = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$ ) wavelength of X-ray radiation,  $\beta$  = Full-width half maximum (FWHM) and  $\theta$  = diffraction angle. The average crystallite sizes of the Ni(II) and Cd(II) complexes are around 56.74 and 69.34 nm respectively.

### 3.5. Morphological observations

The SEM micrographs revealed a Ni(II) and Cd(II) complex are given in Fig. 3c and d, spherical-like structure with particle diameter of estimated 55 and 65  $\mu\text{m}$ , with in the scale bar 1  $\mu\text{m}$  respectively. All these metal complexes surfaced to have showed an aggregated rod-like arrangement and slightly cluster nature.

### 3.6. Thermal property of metal complexes

TG (Thermogravimetric) as well as DTG (differential thermogravimetric) assessment of Ni(II), Cd(II) complexes curves are shown in Fig. 4a and b. Thermal dissolution of complexes of characteristic  $[M(L)_2]$  consists of three phases:  $M = \text{Ni(II), Cd(II)}$ , and  $n = 1, 2, 3$ . The first process corresponds to the loss of moisture in the temperature varied 30–100  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; the important phase of decomposition takes place among 200 and 157  $^\circ\text{C}$ , with a mass reduction of estimated 75.4%, 80.3% of the ligand; and the final phase occurs up to 201–340  $^\circ\text{C}$  and 201–400, with the residual ligands being dropped. After several stages of decomposition, the complexes were transformed to their correlating metal oxides at extreme temps.

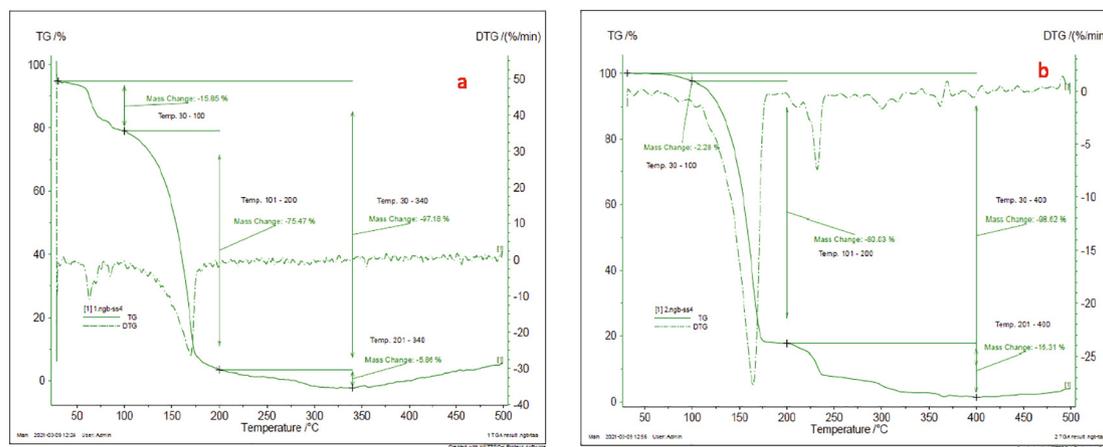


Fig. 4. TG/ DTG Cure of a) Ni(II) complex and b) Cd(II) complex.

### 3.7. In-vitro antimicrobial efficiency of nickel and cadmium complexes

The result of antimicrobial behavior of Ni(II) and Cd(II) complexes by using disc diffusion method is summarized Table 3. Synthesized metal complexes good active screened against gram positive and gram negative bacterial and fungal. The Ni(II) complex good active against the bacteria *B. subtilis* and *E. coli* in 30 as well as 60 µg/ml and less active against fungal species. Furthermore, the Cd(II) complex high activities against bacteria *p. aeruginosa* and fungi *C. albicans* in 60 µg/ml. The complexes had stronger antimicrobial property in higher concentration are shows in Fig. 5a. The higher activities of metal compounds are explain using the chelation theory (Gupta and Fahmi, 2016; Manimohan et al., 2020), which states that chelation reduces the polarity of metal ions by exchanging a portion of their positive charge by the ligand. This

enhances lipid solubility, making it easier for it to permeate into microorganisms normal cells (Saddam Hossain, 2018; Tadavi et al., 2020). Organic ligands have donor sites which are active against the bio-potential activities the enhanced biological activities due to the presence of oxygen as well as nitrogen donor sites in DMG, DNPH.

### 3.8. In-vitro anti-inflammatory activities

An anti-inflammatory behavior of Ni(II), Cd(II) compounds was investigated in protein (bovine serum albumin) denaturation technique used with various concentration (100, 200, 300, 400 & 500 µg/ml), diclofenac sodium used as a reference drug. Table 4 as well as Fig. 5b indicate the % of anti-inflammatory efficiency was computed moreover compared to the reference drug. Three

Table 3  
Ni(II) and Cd(II) complexes of Antimicrobial activity zone of inhibition in (mm).

Organism Name	Standard (60 µg/ml)	Ni(II) complexes		Cd(II) complex	
		30 µg/ml	60 µg/ml	30 µg/ml	60 µg/ml
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	24	15	17	12	18
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	23	10	15	10	20
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	21	11	13	-	12
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	34	11	19	13	16
<i>Aspergillusnigre</i>	15	9	10	10	12
<i>Candida albicans</i>	25	2	5	15	18

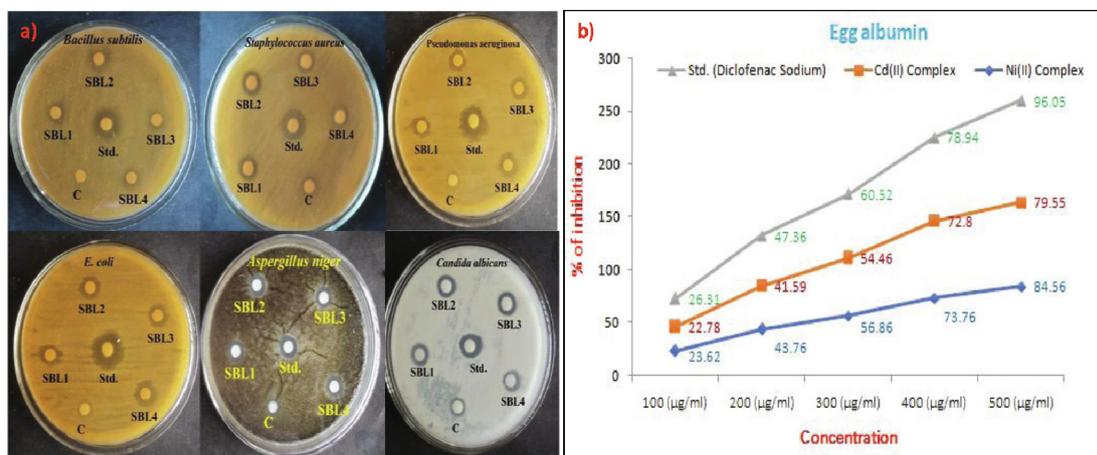


Fig. 5. a) Antimicrobial Activities of Ni(II) and Cd(II) complexes and b) anti-inflammatory activity of metal complexes.

**Table 4**

In vitro anti-inflammatory (Egg albumin) activity of Ni(II) and Cd(II) complexes.

Samples	% of inhibitions					IC <sub>50</sub> value (µg/ml)
	100 (µg/ml)	200 (µg/ml)	300 (µg/ml)	400 (µg/ml)	500 (µg/ml)	
Ni(II) Complex	23.62 ± 0.23	43.76 ± 0.10	56.86 ± 0.05	73.76 ± 0.09	84.56 ± 0.11	257.31
Cd(II) Complex	22.78 ± 0.20	41.59 ± 0.22	54.46 ± 0.37	72.80 ± 0.14	79.55 ± 0.35	270.83
Std. (Diclofenac Sodium)	26.31 ± 1.84	47.36 ± 3.31	60.52 ± 4.23	78.94 ± 5.52	96.05 ± 6.72	230.75

part trial were carried out as well as IC<sub>50</sub> was calculated. The results indicating the diclofenac sodium (96.05%) IC<sub>50</sub> is 230.75. A Nickel compound (84.56%) IC<sub>50</sub> value is 257.31 superior protein denaturation compound compare to the Cadmium complex (79.55%) IC<sub>50</sub> value is 270.83. the metal complexes lower activity comparing to standard drug. Due to the occurrence of donor ('N', 'O') places into the DNPH and DMG contained in the compounds which demonstrate the good potential of complexes. The order of anti-inflammatory activity diclofenac sodium > Ni(II) complex > Cd(II) complexes (Szczepaniak and Fichna, 2019).

#### 4. Conclusion

In this artwork, Ni(II), Cd(II) mixed ligand complexes were satisfactorily synthesised and characterised employing a multitude of physicochemical approaches. All complexes exhibited 1:1 electrolyte in essence and metal complexes was initiate to have an octahedral geometry based on magnetic moment, colour, UV-vis spectral, TG inferences. And powder XRD analysis, which shows that the average crystalline diameters are between 56.74 and 69.34 nm. The mixed ligand complexes were extremely stable in terms of thermal stability. Thus the study found that the mixed ligand Ni(II) and Cd(II) complexes have significant antibacterial action when compared to conventional antibiotics. Furthermore the Ni (II), Cd(II) complexes have showed excellent inflammation properties compared to the standard diclofenac.

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The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

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