

## Synthesis and Spectral Studies of Some Transition Metal Complexes with New Thiazolylazo Ligand

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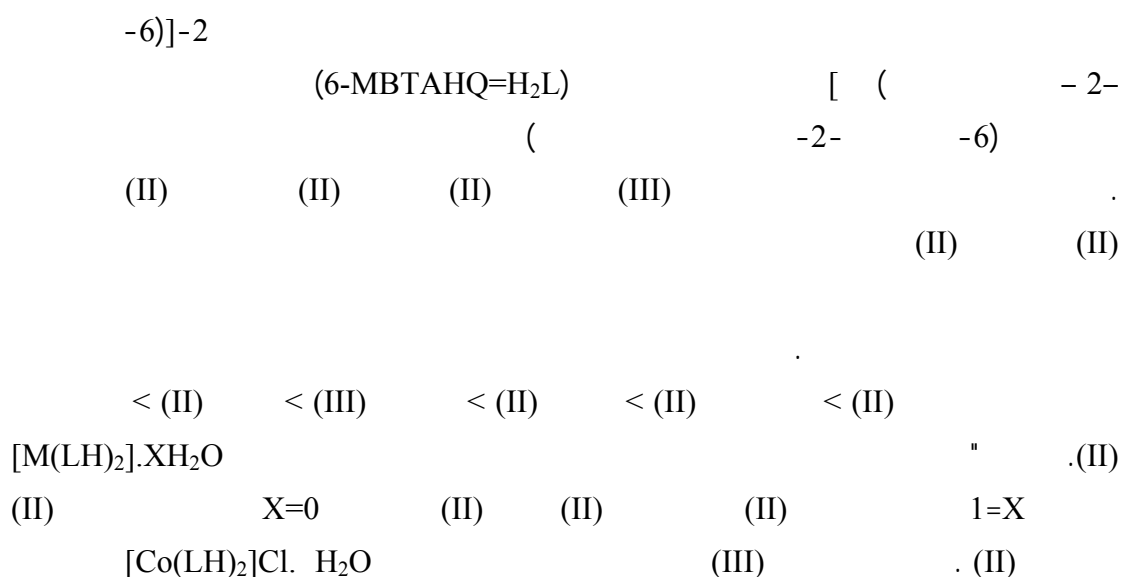
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### Abstract

A new heterocyclic azo ligand 2-[(6-Methoxy-2-benzothiazolyl) azo] hydroquinone (6-MBTAHQ= H<sub>2</sub>L) was prepared by the reaction between 6-methoxy-2-benzothiazodiazonium chloride with hydroquinone in alkaline alcoholic solution. Six new chelate complexes of Co (III), Ni (II), Cu (II), Zn (II), Cd (II) and Hg (II) have been prepared and characterized by elemental analysis, magnetic susceptibility, molar conductivity, infrared spectra and electronic spectra. The stability constants of complexes follows the sequence; Cu (II) > Zn (II) > Hg (II) > Co (III) > Ni (II) > Cd ((II). The isolated solid complexes have proposed the general formula [M(LH)<sub>2</sub>].XH<sub>2</sub>O, where X=1, M= Cu(II), Zn(II), Hg(II) and X=0 for M=Ni(II) Cd(II). When M= Co (III) the formula is [M (LH)<sub>2</sub>]Cl. H<sub>2</sub>O. The different measurements revealed that the metal ion in these complexes has hexa-coordination number with octahedral structure..The analytical data show that the metal to ligand ratio (M : L) in all complexes is (1 : 2) .



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## Introduction

A very large number of thiazolylazo ligands and their derivatives had prepared and this kind of ligands used as dyes. In analytical chemistry they are used as acid-base and redoxmetalochromic indicators, in addition to their use as ligands to prepare some chelate complexes<sup>(1-3)</sup>. Thiazolylazo compounds are widely used in the dye-stuffes industry<sup>(4)</sup> and also more recently in the field of non-linear optic<sup>(5)</sup>. Thiazolylazo dyes have great important applications as a spectrophotometric reagents<sup>(6)</sup>.  $\pi$ -acidic azo imine group ( $-\text{N}=\text{N}-\text{C}=\text{N}-$ ), for this reason a number of these ligands were prepared as chelating agent<sup>(7-10)</sup>. In this paper we describe the preparation and characterization of new thiazolylazo ligand (6-MBTAHQ=HL<sub>2</sub>) and some of their transition metal complexes.

## Experimental

### Materials and physical measurements

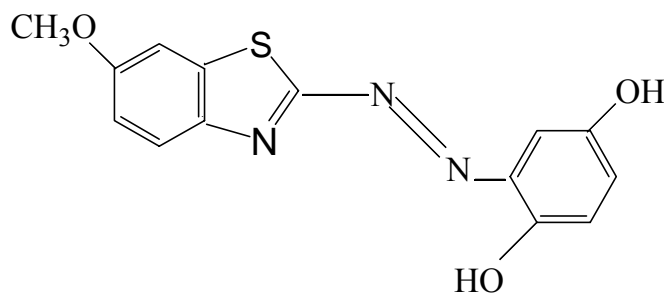
All chemicals used were of highest purity (BDH, Fluka or Aldrich) and used with out further purification except of 2-amino-6-methoxybenzothiazole, this was prepared as described in the literature<sup>(11)</sup>.

Elemental analysis was carried out by means of micro analytical unit of 1108 C.H.N element analyzer. Electronic spectra were recorded using Shimadzu UV-Vis 1650 spectrophotometer, for solution of the complexes in aqueous ethanol at room temperature. Using 1cm quartz cell. IR spectra were recorded with FT-IR-8000 Shimadzu, in the range of (4000-

400)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  using CsI disc. The magnetic susceptibilities of the complexes were measured on powered samples using the faraday method, for this purpose balance magnetic MSB-MKI was employed. Electrical conductivity measured by conductivity bridge model 31A with solute concentration of  $10^{-3}\text{M}$  in DMF at room temperature. pH measurements were carried out using pH meter model HI 9321. Mass spectrum of ligand was obtained using GC-mass-QP1000 A Gas-Mass spectrophotometer, the metal percentages were determined using atomic absorption technique by Shimadzu -AA-160.

### Synthesis and characterization of azo ligand (6-MBTAHQ)

The ligand prepared by dissolving (1.80 gm, 0.01 mol) of 2-amino-6-methoxy benzothiazole in 30 ml of distilled water and 5ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid, then the filtrate solution was cooled below  $5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . To this mixture a solution of (0.75gm, 6.01 mol) of sodium nitrate in 20 ml of distilled water was added drop wise at  $0-5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the mixture was stirred for 25 min. This diazonium solution was added drop wise to a 500 ml beaker containing (1.1, gm 0.01 mol) of hydroquinone dissolved in 150 ml of alkaline ethanol. The mixture was stirred for additional 2 hrs in an ice-bath allowed to stand over night and acidified with dilute hydrochloric acid to  $\text{pH} = 6.0$ . The crude dyes were collected by filtration and recrystallized twice from hot methanol<sup>(12)</sup> and then dried in the oven at  $60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for several hrs. The structural formula of our ligand is shown in figure.1.



**Figure(1):- Structure of the ligand [ 2-(6-Methoxy-2-benzothiazolyl)] azo hydroquinone (6-MBTAHQ= H<sub>2</sub>L)**

### Synthesis of complexes

The chelate complexes have been synthesized by at optimal pH values dissolved (0.603gm, 0.002 mol) of ligand (6-MBTAHQ) in 30 ml hot ethanol and then (0.01 mol) of metal chloride, M= Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zn(II), Cd(II) or Hg(II) dissolved in 20 ml hot distilled water is added drop wise with vigorous stirring to the ligand solution. The

reaction mixture was heated to 50 °C for 30 min and left over night then the complexes are filtered off washed with distilled water, then with ethanol and dried in desiccators over anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>. Table.1 collects the physical properties and analytical data for those complexes are shown in table 1.

**Table(1):- Physical properties and analytical data of the ligand (H<sub>2</sub>L) and its complexes.**

No.	Compound	Color	m.p C°	Yield %	Molecular formula (Mot.Wt)	Found (Calc.)%			
						C	H	N	M
1	H <sub>2</sub> L	Dark brown	132	73	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> (301.32)	55.90 (55.81)	3.57 (3.68)	14.09 (13.95)	—
2	[Co(LH) <sub>2</sub> ].Cl. H <sub>2</sub> O	Dark Purple	227d	52	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> ClCo (713.02)	47.29 (47.17)	3.02 (3.11)	11.67 (11.79)	8.51 (8.27)
3	[Ni(LH) <sub>2</sub> ]	Purple	176	69	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Ni (659.31)	50.92 (51.01)	2.94 (3.06)	12.92 (12.75)	9.14 (8.90)
4	[Cu(LH) <sub>2</sub> ]. H <sub>2</sub> O	Dark green	191	81	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Cu (682.18)	49.43 (49.30)	3.32 (3.25)	12.15 (12.32)	9.10 (9.31)
5	[Zn(LH) <sub>2</sub> ]. H <sub>2</sub> O	Dark Purple	183	76	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Zn (684.02)	49.06 (49.17)	3.16 (3.24)	12.44 (12.29)	9.75 (9.56)
6	[Cd(LH) <sub>2</sub> ]	Purple	209	65	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Cd (713.03)	47.03 (47.17)	2.91 (2.83)	11.63 (11.79)	15.54 (15.77)
7	[Hg(LH) <sub>2</sub> ]. H <sub>2</sub> O	Purple	217d	57	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Hg (819.23)	40.91 (41.05)	2.79 (2.71)	10.41 (10.26)	—

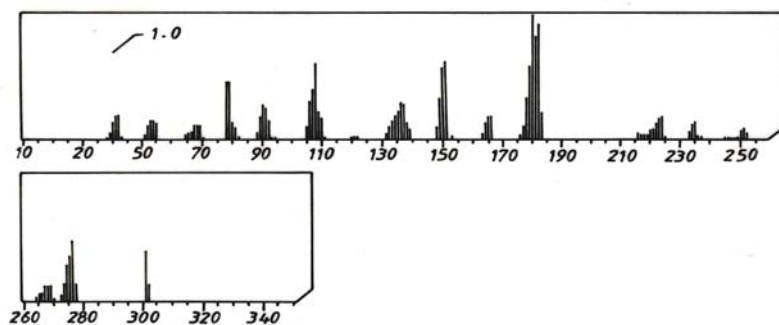
H<sub>2</sub>L =Ligand (6-MBTAHQ), d = decomposition.

### Results and discussion

#### Mass spectrum of ligand (6-MBTAHQ)

Mass spectrometer data are supporting the proposed structure. The ligand was run using the direct insertion when the temperature was 178 °C the base peak had a measured

mass of (301) corresponding to a molecular formula of C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>, the calculated formula weight is (301). A fragment at (Z/e =165 and 110) due to 6-methoxy benzothiazole and hydroquinone respectively <sup>(14)</sup>. The successive fragmentation peaks are shown in figure.2.

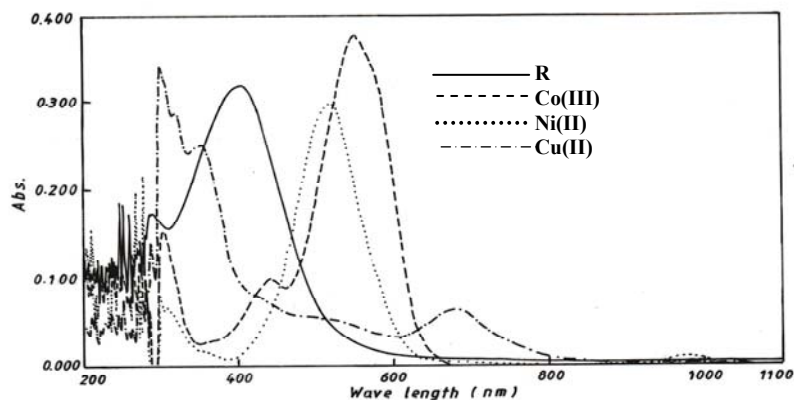


**Figure (2):- Mass spectrum of ligand 2-[(6-Methoxy-2-benzothiazolyl) azo] hydroquinone (6-MBTAHQ)**

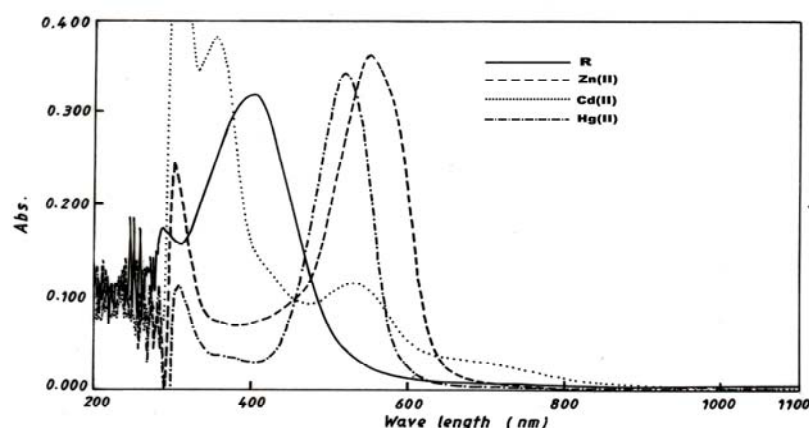
### Absorption spectra

The absorption spectra of ligand (6-MBTAHQ) and its complexes in aqueous 50% (V/V) ethanolic solution were studied and shown in figures 3 and 4. The wavelength for the maximum absorption ( $\lambda_{\max}$ ) of the

ligand was found at 418nm. The spectra of metal complexes were recorded within wavelength range (516 - 676) nm. The absorption maxima ( $\lambda_{\max}$ ) of each complex also shown in Table.2.



**Figure(3):- Absorbance spectra of 6-MBTAHQ -metal chelats  $(1.25-1.75) \times 10^{-4}$  M; In aqueous ethanolic solution 50% (V/V)**



Figure(4):- Absorbance spectra of 6-MBTAHQ -metal chelats  $(1.50-2.00) \times 10^{-4}$  M; In aqueous ethanolic solution 50% (V/V)

Table(2):- The optimal pH values, optimal molar concentration and wavelength ( $\lambda_{\max}$ ) with molar absorptivity ( $\epsilon$ ) of metal ions in aqueous ethanolic solution 50% (V/V)

Ligand	Metal Ions	Optimal pH	Optimal molar conc. $\times 10^{-4}$ mol	Molar absorptivity( $\epsilon$ ) $\times 10^3$ l.mol <sup>-1</sup> .cm <sup>-1</sup>	Optimal wave length ( $\lambda_{\max}$ )nm	$\Delta \lambda_{\max}^a$ nm
6-MBTAHQ $\lambda_{\max}= 418$ nm $\epsilon=4.88 \times 10^3$ l.mol <sup>-1</sup> .cm <sup>-1</sup>	Co(II)	7.5	1.75	2.21	557	139
	Ni(II)	7.0	1.25	2.39	516	98
	Cu(II)	7.5	1.75	0.89	676	258
	Zn(II)	8.0	1.50	1.91	548	130
	Cd(II)	7.5	2.00	0.88	531	113
	Hg(II)	8.5	1.75	1.76	527	109

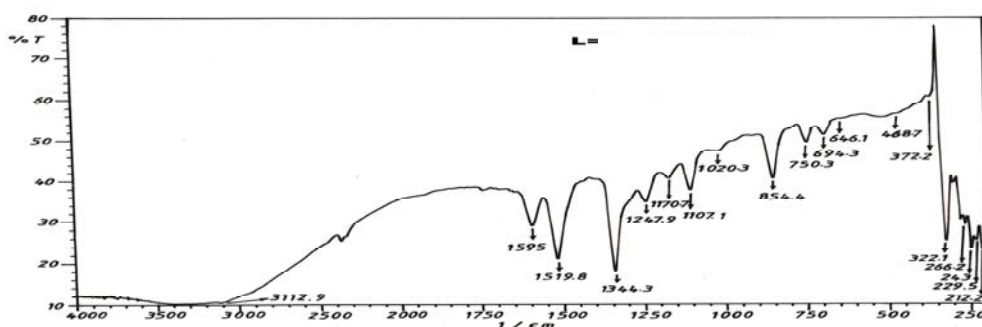
$$\Delta \lambda_{\max}^a = \lambda_{\max} \text{ Complex} - \lambda_{\max} \text{ ligand}$$

### Infrared spectra

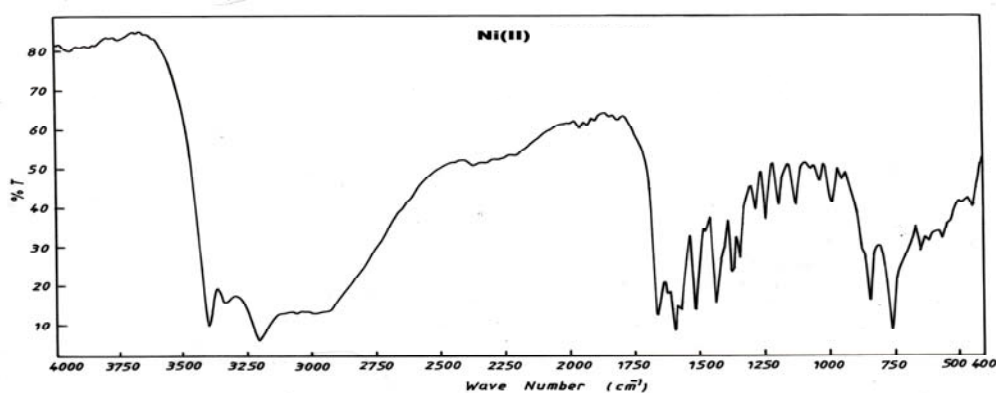
The infrared spectra of the free ligand (6-MBTAHQ) and its complexes with Co (II), Ni (II) Cu (II) Zn ((II), Cd (II) and Hg (II) are given in Table.3. These spectra are complicated owing to the extensive overlap of number of bands arising from  $\nu(\text{O-H})$ ,  $\nu(\text{C=N})$ ,  $\nu(\text{N=N})$  and other bands due to the phenyl and thiazole rings which appeared in the region below  $1595 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The comparison between the IR spectral data of the free ligand with that of its complexes are discussed as follow:-

- 1- The spectrum of azo ligand (6-MBTAHQ) show a very broad and weak absorption band around  $3420 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to the  $\nu(\text{O-H})$  groups. This suggests a strong intermolecular hydrogen bonding<sup>(15,16)</sup>. The band around  $(3480-3550) \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in each of Co (III) Cu (II), and Zn (II) and Hg (II) complexes indicates the presence of water<sup>(17)</sup>. But this band is disappeared in the complexes spectra for both Ni(II) and Cd(II).
- 2- The weak bands which observed at  $3113 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2490 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the ligand spectrum are due to

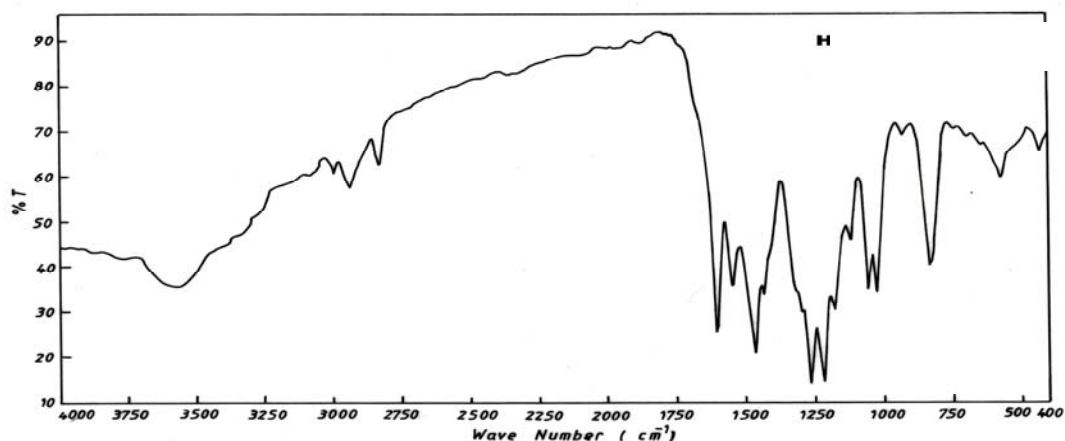
- $\nu(\text{C-H})$  aromatic and aliphatic respectively. These bands are stable in position in both ligand and metal complexes<sup>(18,19)</sup>.
- The spectrum of ligand shows absorption band at  $1595\text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to  $\nu(\text{C=N})$  of thiazole ring<sup>(10,20)</sup>. This band is observed with a little change in shape and shifted to lower frequencies ( $1575 - 1590$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in complexes. These differences may suggest the linkage of metal ions with nitrogen of heterocyclic thiazole ring<sup>(16,21)</sup>.
  - The azo group ( $\text{N=N}$ ) appears at  $1520\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the free ligand spectrum. This band has been shifted to a lower frequencies ( $1480-1505$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and also reduced in intensity in complexes spectra; this means that some linkage of metal ions with nitrogen atom of azo group which is the farthest of thiazol ring takes place<sup>(10,21,22)</sup>.
  - The band at  $1248\text{ cm}^{-1}$  has also been appeared in the ligand spectrum which is due to  $\nu(\text{C-S})$  of thiazole ring<sup>(23)</sup>. The fixed position of this band in all chelate complexes means that the sulfur atom of heterocyclic ring does not participate in coordination<sup>(16,21)</sup>.
  - Finally a new weak bands appears at ( $520-560$ ) and ( $410-435$ )  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the complexes spectra which may suggest the linkage of metal ions with both oxygen and nitrogen atoms<sup>(24,25)</sup> respectively. The IR spectra indicate that azo ligand (6-MBTAHQ) behaves as a tridentate chelating agent coordinated through phenolic oxygen, nitrogen of azo group and thiazole ring nitrogen. Figs. 5, 6 and 7 show the spectra of ligand (6-MBTAHQ),  $[\text{Ni}(\text{LH})_2]$  and  $[\text{Hg}(\text{LH})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .



Figure(5):- IR spectrum of the ligand (6-MBTAHQ= H<sub>2</sub>L)



Figure(6): IR spectrum of the complex  $[\text{Ni}(\text{LH})_2]$



Figure(7):- IR spectrum of the complex  $[\text{Hg}(\text{LH})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Table(3):- Characteristic IR absorption bands of the ligand (6-MBTAHQ) and its complexes in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  units.

No.	Compound	$\nu(\text{O}-\text{H})$	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{N}=\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{C}-\text{S})$	$\nu(\text{M}-\text{O})$	$\nu(\text{M}-\text{N})$
1	$\text{LH}_2$	3420 w.br.	1595 m.	1520 m. 1344 s.	1248w. 854m.	—	—
2	$[\text{Co}(\text{LH})_2]\text{Cl} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	3480 w.br.	1575m.	1495m. 1330m.	1255w. 850m.	540w.	435w.
3	$[\text{Ni}(\text{LH})_2]$	-	1585m.	1505s. 1335m.	1250m. 855m.	540w.	425w.
4	$[\text{Cu}(\text{LH})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	3520 w.br.	1580s.	1490s. 1310m.	1250w. 855m.	520w.	430w.
5	$[\text{Zn}(\text{LH})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	3510 w.br.	1590m.	1495m. 1320m.	1245w. 855m.	545w.	420w.
6	$[\text{Cd}(\text{LH})_2]$	-	1575m.	1480m. 1325m.	1250m. 850w.	530w.	410w.
7	$[\text{Hg}(\text{LH})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	3550 w.br.	1590 s.	1485s. 1315m.	1250m. 855s.	560w.	430w.

$\text{H}_2\text{L} = 6\text{-MBTAHQ}$ , w=weak, s=strong, m=medium, br=broad.

### Magnetic susceptibility and electronic spectra measurements

The magnetic momentum and electronic spectra studies have been used to confirm geometry of the complexes. These data are listed in Table.4.

#### Cobalt (III) complex

The magnetic momentum of the Co (III) complexes has been found to be diamagnetic and the low spin behavior of this complex indicates that Co (II) is oxidized to Co (III) during complexation. The change of the oxidation state agrees with earlier observation that the aqueous solution of Co(II) salts are spontaneously

oxidized to Co(III) in the presence of strong ligand such as thiazolylazo compounds<sup>(26,27)</sup>. The electronic spectrum of Co (III) complex show two absorption bands at 557 nm ( $17953 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 442 nm ( $22624 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) characteristic of octahedral stereo chemistry<sup>(28)</sup>. They were assigned to the transitions  ${}^1\text{A}_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1\text{T}_{1g}$  and  ${}^1\text{A}_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1\text{T}_{2g}$  respectively.

#### Nickel (II) complex

The value of magnetic moment of Ni (II) was found to be 3.09 B.M which can be a normal value for octahedral Ni (II) complex<sup>(29,30)</sup>. The absorption spectrum of this complex

shows three absorption bands at 982 nm ( $10183 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), 516 nm ( $19380 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 317 nm ( $31546 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), which suggests the existence of  ${}^3A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{2g}(F)$ ,  ${}^3A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g}(F)$  and  ${}^3A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g}(P)$  transitions respectively with an octahedral spatial configuration<sup>(31)</sup>.

### Copper (II) complex

The magnetic moment value of this complex was found to be 1.76 B.M suggest the presence of one unpaired electron in this complex. The electronic spectrum of this complex show abroad absorption band around 676 nm ( $14793 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). This band assigned to the transitions  ${}^2E_g \rightarrow {}^2T_{2g}$ . It is reasonable to assign distorted octahedral structure<sup>(30,32)</sup>.

### Zinc (II), Cadmium (II) and Mercury (II) complexes

The magnetic susceptibility show that all complexes have diamagnetic moment, and the electronic spectra of these complexes do not show any d-d transition band. Three absorption bands were appear at the free ligand (6-MBTAHQ) spectrum. The bands at 263 nm ( $38023 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and 287nm ( $34843 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) referring to the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions while the band at 418 nm ( $23923 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) is due to the charge transfer characters<sup>(33)</sup>. The electronic spectra of Co (III), Ni (II), Cu (II), and Zn (II), Cd (II) and Hg (II) chelate complexes and free ligand (6-MBTHQ) in ethanol solution are given in Figs.3 and 4.

### Conductivity measurements

All complexes except of Co (III) complex show the conductivity measurement values ranging between ( $5.39 - 8.76$ )  $\text{S.cm}^2. \text{mol}^{-1}$ , these values

indicating nonionic structure of these complexes<sup>(34)</sup>. The lower conductivity value of the Co(III) complex is  $78.54 \text{ S.cm}^2. \text{mol}^{-1}$  this indicates that the complex is (1:1) electrolyte. The conductivity values are listed in table 4.

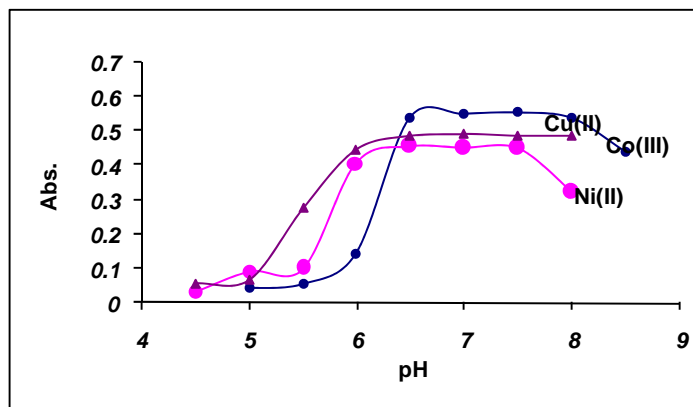
### Calculation of the metal complexes stability constant ( $\beta$ )

Stability constant of prepared complexes are obtained spectrophotometrically by measuring the absorbance of ligand solutions and metal ion mixture at fixed wavelength ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ ), and pH. The degree of formation of the complexes ( $\beta$ ) are obtained from the relationship<sup>(36)</sup> of  $\beta = (1 - \alpha) / 4 \alpha^3 C^2$  and  $\alpha = (A_m - A_s) / A_m$ , where  $\alpha$  = degree of dissociation,  $A_s$  and  $A_m$  are the absorbance of the partially and fully formed complex respectively. The calculated  $\beta$  and  $\log \beta$  values are listed in Table.4. The values of stability constant indicated high stability complexes.

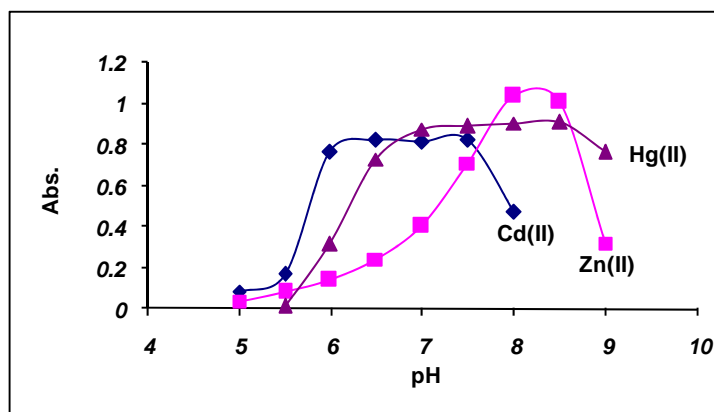
### Effect of pH

Suitable pH values for metal complex solutions were found to be in the range of (4.5 – 9.0). To evaluate the optimal pH values of metal complex solutions. The effect of pH on the absorbance were studied, and the results are shown in Figs. 8 and 9. which indicate that absorption spectra did not change over the whole range indicated high stability complexes





Figure(8):-The effect of pH on the absorbance Of metal complexes ligand conc. = (1.50-2.0)  $\times 10^{-4}$  M metal ions conc. =  $1.75 \times 10^{-4}$  M

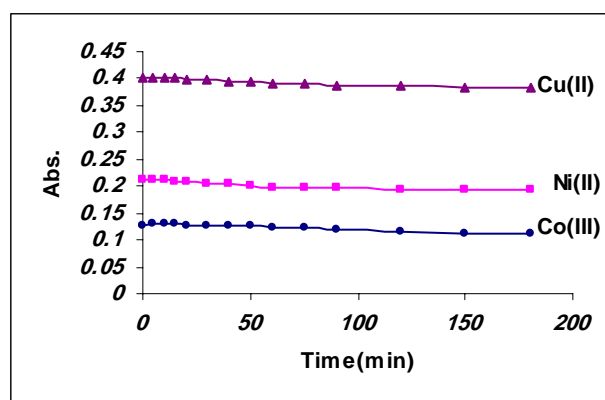


Figure(9):-The effect of pH on the absorbance of 6-MBTAHQ -metal complexes Ligand conc. =  $2.25 \times 10^{-4}$  M ions conc. = (1.25-1.75)  $\times 10^{-4}$  M

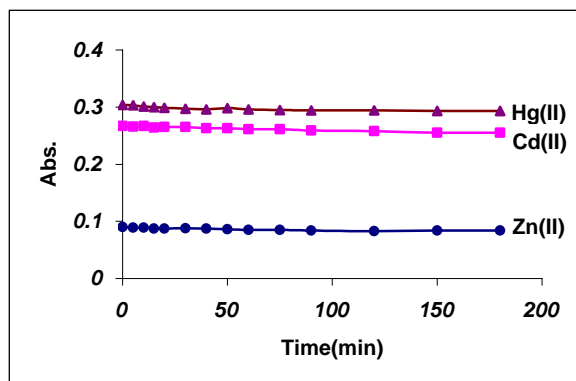
#### Effect of time

It was found that the absorbance of the metal complexes chromogenic system reaches a maximum

value in 10 min. at room temperature then it remains stable for 24 hrs. indicated high stability complexes, the results are shown in Figs. 10 and 11.



Figure(10):-Effect of time on the absorbance of metal Complexes; M= Co (III), Ni (II) and Cu (II)



Figure(11):- Effect of time on the absorbance of metal complexes; M= Zn (II), Cd (II) and Hg (II)

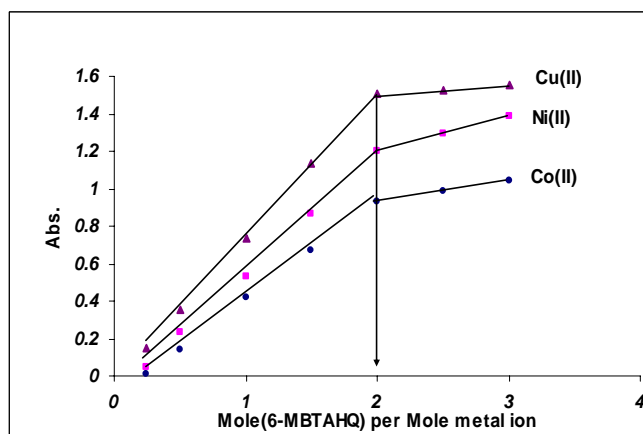
Table(4):- Electronic Spectra, Conductivity measurements, Magnetic moment and stability constant values ( $\beta$ ) of complexes

Complex	Absorption bands ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	Transition	Conductivity $\text{S.cm}^2.\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\mu_{\text{eff}}$ B.M	$\beta$ $\text{L}^2.\text{mol}^{-2}$	$\text{Log}\beta$
[Co(LH) <sub>2</sub> ].Cl. H <sub>2</sub> O	17953	$^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1T_{1g}$	78.54	dia	$6.48 \times 10^9$	9.81
	22624	$^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1T_{2g}$				
[Ni(LH) <sub>2</sub> ]	10183	$^3A_{2g} \rightarrow ^3T_{2g}(F)$	6.93	3.09	$6.01 \times 10^9$	9.78
	19380	$^3A_{2g} \rightarrow ^3T_{1g}(F)$				
	31546	$^3A_{2g} \rightarrow ^3T_{1g}(p)$				
[Cu(LH) <sub>2</sub> ]. H <sub>2</sub> O	14793	$^2E_g \rightarrow ^2T_{2g}$	7.34	1.76	$5.20 \times 10^{11}$	11.72
[Zn(LH) <sub>2</sub> ]. H <sub>2</sub> O	—	—	6.21	dia	$3.53 \times 10^{10}$	10.55
[Cd(LH) <sub>2</sub> ]	—	—	5.39	dia	$1.58 \times 10^9$	9.20
[Hg(LH) <sub>2</sub> ]. H <sub>2</sub> O	—	—	8.76	dia	$8.14 \times 10^9$	9.91

#### Metal: ligand ratios

The metal : ligand ratio (M:L) of complexes were determined by the molar ratio method at the wavelength of maximum absorption ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ ) and fixed pH. The ligand (6-MBTAHQ) was found to form chelates with all metal ions mentio as shown in Figs. 12 and 13. The results are in agreement with the

values reported for some thiazolyazo phenol complexes<sup>(16,35,37)</sup>.



Figure(12):- Mole ratio (M: L) of (6-MBTAHQ)-metal Chelats

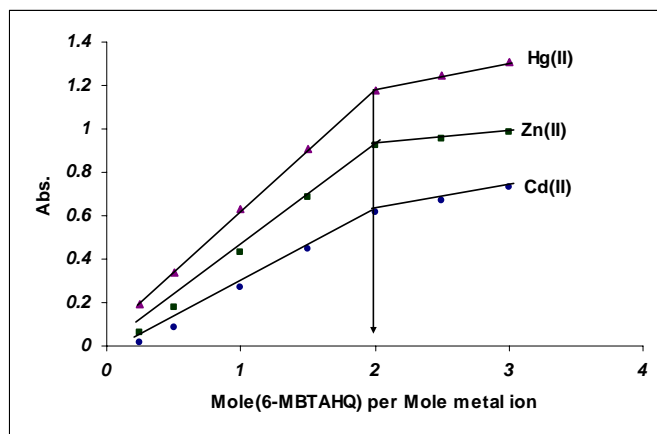
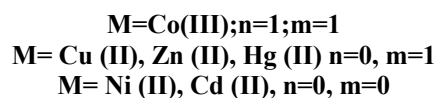
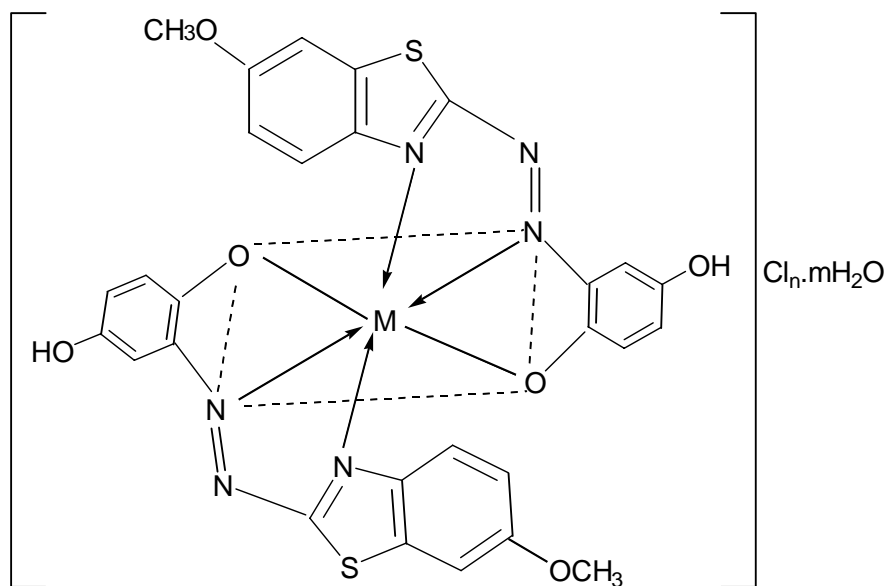


Figure (13):- Mole ratio (M: L) of (6-MBTAHQ)-metal chelats

According to the results the coordination number of all metal ions is found to be six with bonding through the phenolate O, azo N and with thiazol N atom. The structural formula of prepared complexes is most probably octahedral shown in fig.14.



**Figure(14):- The proposed structural formula of Co (III), Ni (II), Cu (II), Zn (II), Cd (II) and Hg (II)**

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