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Synthesis, Characterization and Biological Studies of Schiff Base Ligand (2Z)-2-[(1, 5-Dimethyl-3-Oxo-2-Phenyl-2, 3-Dihydro-4-Pyrazol-Yl) Imino]-1, 2-Dihydro-3h-Indole-3-One and Its Al (III), In (III) and Tl (I) Complexes

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Abstract:

A trifunctional Schiff base ligand (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4-pyrazol-yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indole-3-one and its Al(III) In(III) and Tl(I), complexes have been synthesized and characterized by physical methods and spectral studies. The geometry around the metals have been deduced based on solution studies and spectral information. The ligand and its complexes were also tested against different bacteria and fungi to determine their activities.

Keyword: Synthesis, characterization, spectral studies and antimicrobial activities.

1. Introduction

When an aldehyde or a ketone is condensed with primary amine, a Schiff base is produced^{1,2}, which is a compound containing azomethine group R-C=N-. Schiff base complexes comprise an important class of compounds due to their viability and potency in chelation. These compounds are reported to exhibit analgesic, anti-inflammatory effects, antiviral, antibacterial, and herbicidal activities³⁻⁵. Certain derivatives have industrial applications, for example, as homogeneous catalysis. Other uses relate to their application as dyes and pigments. Transition metal Schiff base complexes have been found to play a vital role in medicine, biological systems and industries².

Isatin is a versatile molecule for designing potential bioactive agents, and its derivatives were reported to possess broad spectrum antiviral activity. Interest in complexes of these ligand system now covers several areas ranging from general consideration of the effect of oxygen, nitrogen and other chelating agent and electron delocalization in the metal complexes to potential biological activity and practical application⁶. More recently, the pharmaceutical properties of organoaluminum and its congeners have been reported⁷. Simulation based on formation constant indicated that no particular risk is to be expected in normal condition of ingestion and in Al-based therapy⁷. In this paper, we report the synthesis, characterization and antimicrobial studies of Schiff base ligand (2Z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-Phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4-pyrazol-yl-) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indole-3-one and its Al(III), In(III) and Tl(I) complexes.

2. Experimental

All reagents used were of analytical grade, and these were all used without further purification.

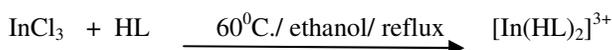
Aluminum (III) chloride indium(III) chloride and thallium(I) acetate were purchased from corresponding authors (MERCK), Isatin (99%) and 4-amino antipyrine (98%) were obtained from EELLEE-HANNOVER and aldrich respectively. Melting points were determined using 4017 model of John-fisher melting point apparatus. The stoichiometry was determined using Jobs continuous variation method. The electronic spectra were recorded with ultraviolet visible spectrophotometer of serial number 2500pc equipped with a printer. Infrared spectral analyses were recorded using Fourier transformed IR SHIMADZU 8400S model in Nujol within 400-4000cm⁻¹. Electrical conductivity measurements were carried out using conductivity meter model Jenway 4010. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on 1995 YH 200 MHz model of NMR spectrophotometer using DMSO and CDCl₃ as an internal reference while mass spectra were recorded on QP 2010 plus Shimadzu, Japan model of GC-mass spectrophotometer at 70 eV.

2.1. Preparation of Schiff base Ligand

Schiff base ligand (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4-pyrazol-yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indole-3-one (HL) was prepared by reacting equimolar amount of isatin (0.294g; 2mmol) and 4-amino antipyrine (0.406g, 2mmol) in 50ml of ethanol under reflux for 5h and cooled with ice to room temperature. The reddish crystal formed was filtered using a filter funnel and dried in the air. This was further recrystallized using methanol, dried in air and stored in the desiccators containing CaCl_2 .

2.2. Preparation of the Complexes

Ethanolic solution of metal chloride that is aluminum(III) chloride (0.130g, Immol), indium(III) chloride (0.221g Immol) and thallium (I) acetate (0.263g, I mmol) were mixed separately with (0.660g, 2mmol) of the Schiff base (HL) at 60°C under reflux for 6h. The resulting crystals were filtered, washed with benzene and dried in the air. These were further recrystallized and stored in the desiccators containing CaCl_2 for characterization. The obtained complexes were found to be crystalline colored compounds, stable at room temperature and soluble in ethanol, methanol, THF, DMF and DMSO. The chemical reactions for both ligand and complexes are given below:



3. Results and Discussion

All the physical data for the investigated compounds are given in table 1. All complexes are non-hygroscopic and are stable in air and light.

Compound	Mole ratio	M.W	Color	M.P ($^\circ\text{C}$)	Conductivity $\text{Ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$	% yield
HL	1:1	332	Pale-red	150-154	1.0	59
$[\text{Al}(\text{HL})\text{Cl}_3]$	1:1	465.5	Black	130-134	27.0	58
$[\text{In}(\text{HL})_2]^{3+}$	1:2	779	Black	245-247	56.0	56
$[\text{Tl}_2(\text{HL})_2(\text{O}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_3)_2]$	2:2	1,190	Ash	155-158	13.0	45

Table 1: Physical data of (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4-pyrazol-yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indole-3-one and the metal complexes.

Generally, ligand and complexes were found to be colored (Table 1) with significant percentage yield. This ligand and complexes have high melting point and non electrolytic in molting state with the exception of the indium complex which was found to be charged. The stoichiometric analysis of the complexes revealed 1:1, 1:2 and 2:2 for Al, In and Tl complexes respectively (Table 1).

The electronic spectra of the free ligand HL (Table 2) and its metal complexes in the region of 740-767nm revealed $n \rightarrow \pi$ transition of non-bonding electron in the ligand and complexes, while the band within 382- 447nm were observed to be due to $\pi \rightarrow \pi$ transition in the ligand and complexes.

Compound	$\text{nm}(\text{cm}^{-1})$	$\text{nm}(\text{cm}^{-1})$
HL	740.5 (13504)	447.5 (22346.37)
$[\text{Al}(\text{HL})\text{Cl}_3]$	738.5 (13540.39)	382 _{br} (26178.01)
$[\text{In}(\text{HL})_2]^{3+}$	767 (13037.81)	417 (23980.82)
$[\text{Tl}_2(\text{HL})_2(\text{O}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_3)_2]$	740 (13504)	435 (22988.51)

Table 2: electronic spectra data of (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4-pyrazol-yl)imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indole-3-one and its Al(III) In(III) and Tl(I), complexes.

3.1. Infrared Spectra

Table 3 record the IR data for the ligand and its Al(III), In(III) and Tl(I) complexes. The IR spectra of the ligand show strong absorption in the region of 3474cm^{-1} , which is attributed to $\nu(\text{N-H})$ stretching vibration of the indol moiety. This band was shifted in the Al(III) and Tl(I) complexes which is an evidence of complexation via the indol-nitrogen as earlier reported⁸. The band at 1724cm^{-1} is characteristic of the carbonyl group present in the Schiff base ligand. This group was shifted in all the complexes indicating the involvement of the carbonyl oxygen in coordination^{9,10,11}. The band assigned to the azomethine group in the free Schiff base ligand was observed at 1600.97cm^{-1} and shifted in all the complexes. This indicates the participation of the nitrogen atom of the azomethine group in coordination^{9,10,11}. The spectra of the complexes show bands in the region of 450cm^{-1} , 460cm^{-1} and 500cm^{-1} , due to Al-Cl, In-Cl and Tl-O Stretching vibration respectively. The stretching frequency due to N-N in the free ligand was observed at 1017.48cm^{-1} .

This band was slightly affected in all the metal complexes, indicating the un-sharing of this linkage in coordination to the central metal ion as reported in related system¹¹. From this results, we can conclude that the Schiff base ligand behave as a tridentate ligand through the isatin nitrogen, azomethine nitrogen and the oxygen of the Schiff base ligand.

Compound	$\nu(\text{N-H})$	$\nu(\text{C=O})$	$\nu(\text{C=N})$	$\nu(\text{M-Cl})$	$\nu(\text{M-O})$
HL	3474.95	1724.42	1600.97	-	-
[Al(HL)Cl ₃]	3533.71	1718.63	1581.68	450	-
[In(HL) ₂] ³⁺	3480.66	1840.00	1606.76	460	-
[Tl ₂ (HL) ₂ (O ₂ C ₂ H ₃) ₂]	3606.15	1720.56	1605.79	-	500

Table 3: Infrared spectra data of (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4-pyrazol-yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indole-3-one and its Al(III) In(III) and Tl(I), complexes.

3.2. ¹H NMR Spectra of (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4-pyrazol-yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indole-3-one

The ¹H NMR for this compound have been carried out in the deuterated solvent, CDCl₃, at room temperature. Different proton resonance was assigned on the basis of their multiplicity and intensity patterns. The integration spectra were in agreement with the number of protons proposed for each molecular fragment. A downfield singlet signal at 10.80 ppm was assigned to indole proton (H₅). At 2.350 and 3.352ppm upfield signals are due to antipyridyl methyl protons (H₆) and N-antipyridyl methyl proton (H₇) respectively with both occurring as singlet. It was observed that its phenyl protons signals appeared as multiplets and were strongly deshielded to a range of 6.825-7.567ppm. These are aromatic region and have been observed in related system^{11,13}. ¹H NMR data for the reported compound is given in Table 4.

3.3. ¹³C NMR spectra

The parameters of the ¹³C NMR spectra are given in Table 5. The complete assignment of signals confirms the structure of the compound. This assertion was supported by the evidences from its ¹³C NMR attached proton test (apt) spectra. The carbon of the methyl group on the antipyridyl moiety were observed as singlet and give rise to signals at 11.547 and 36.242ppm respectively. These was supported by its (apt). The carbon – 13 apt shows the tertiary and primary carbons only due to absence of secondary and quaternary carbons in the structure^{14,15}. All other carbon signals are aromatic carbon appearing in the region of 110-165ppm. Carbon number 1 and 10 are highly deshielded as a result of electronic effects of the carbonyl group. Thus, C₁ and C₁₀ were assigned 165.484ppm and 145.812ppm respectively. This is in agreement with other reports¹³. Similarly, carbons on the isatin moiety C₂ and C₇ were also affected and give rise to signals at 129.940. On the antipyridine moiety, the down field signals at 11.547 and 36.242 were assigned to C₁₂ and C₁₃ respectively (aliphatic carbons). All other signals were due to aromatic carbons in the range of 110-165ppm as can be seen on Table 5. Fig.2.

Position	H(δ)	Assignment
H ₁	7.529(d,1H)	Aromatic proton
H ₂	7.323 (t,1H)	Aromatic proton
H ₃	7.012 (t,1H)	Aromatic proton
H ₄	7.492(d,1H)	Aromatic proton
H ₅	10.80(s,1H)	(N-H) proton
H ₆	2.356 (s,3H)	Antipyridine methyl proton
H ₇	3.352(s,3H)	N-antipyridine methyl proton
H ₈ & H ₁₂	7.567(d,2H)	Phenyl proton
H ₉ & H ₁₁	6.975(d,2H)	Phenyl proton
H ₁₀	6.825(d,1H)	Phenyl proton

Table 4: ¹H NMR Data of (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4-pyrazol-yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indole-3-one.

Legend; s = siglet t = triplet, d = doublet, m= Multiplet.

Position	¹³ C (δ)
C ₁	165.484
C ₂ &7	129.940
C ₃ &6	110.813
C ₄ &5	110.285
C ₈	132.952
C ₉	128.582
C ₁₀	145.812
C ₁₁	128.006
C ₁₂	11.547
C ₁₃	36.242

C ₁₄	125.987
C _{15 & 19}	122.285
C _{16 & 18}	110.813
C ₁₇	110.285

Table 5: ¹³CNMR Data of (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4-pyrazol-yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indole-3-one.

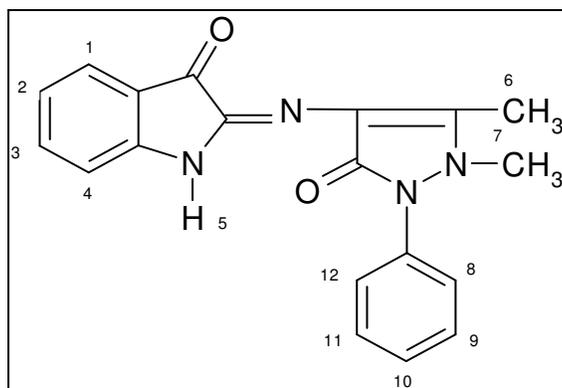


Figure 1: (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indol-3-one showing protons numbering.

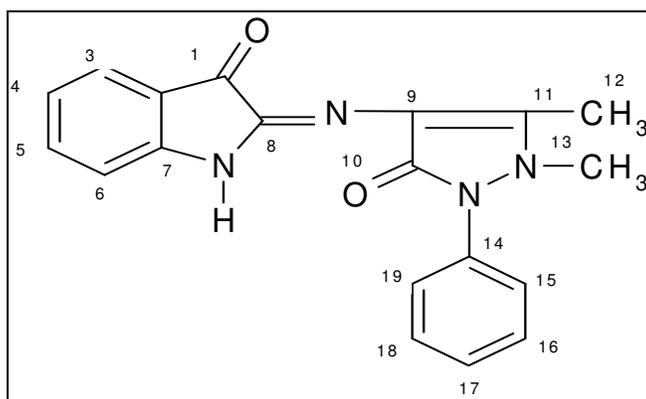


Figure 2: (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indol-3-one showing carbon numbering.

4. Mass Spectra

The mass spectral data of (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indol-3-one are given in Table 6. The molecular ion peak at m/z 332 was due to primary fragmentation of the Schiff base ligand given rise to $[C_8H_5NO]^+$. This undergoes further fragmentation to produce compound of m/z 56, 92 and 104 respectively as illustrated by the scheme. A molecular ion peak at m/z 184 was due to secondary fragmentation of the antipyralin moiety with a loss of oxygen to produce $[C_{11}H_{12}N_3]^+$. This undergoes a tertiary ionization to produce a molecular ion peaks at m/z 91 and 94 respectively. The peak at m/z 191 was accounted for by the saturation of the phenyl group of the antipyralin moiety.

Molecular weight	Ions m/z
$[C_{19}H_{16}N_4O_2]^+$	332
$[C_8H_5NO]^+$	131
$[C_2H_2NO]^+$	56
$[C_6H_6N]^+$	92
$[C_{11}H_{11}N_3O]^+$	201
$[C_7H_5O]^+$	104
$[C_{11}H_{11}N_3]^+$	184
$[C_{11}H_{18}N_3]^+$	191
$[C_6H_5N]^+$	91
$[C_5H_6N_2]^+$	94
$[C_7H_5NO]^+$	119

Table 6: Mass spectra data of (2z)-2-[(1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4yl) imino]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indol-3-one.

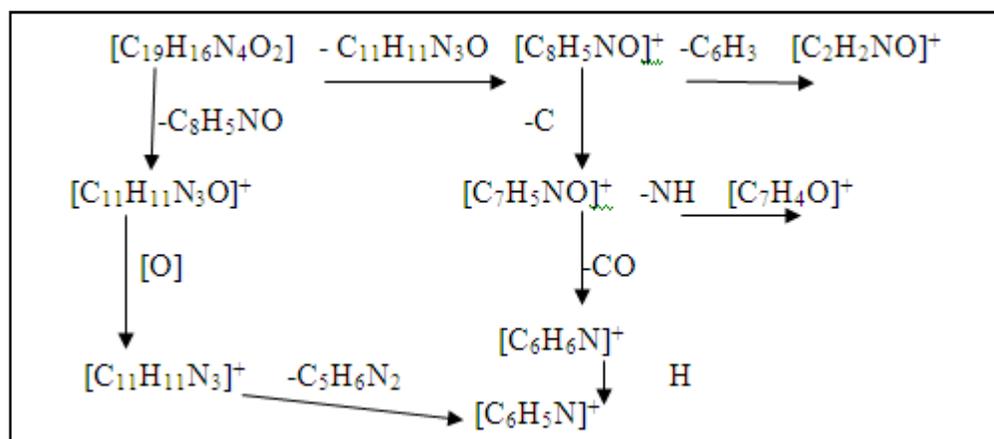


Figure 3: Fragmentation pattern of (2z)-2-((1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4yl) imino)-1,2-dihydro-3H-indol-3-one.

5. Propose Structures

The structure of the Schiff base ligand and complexes were suggested based on spectral information and physical measurements obtained on the ligand and the metal complexes.

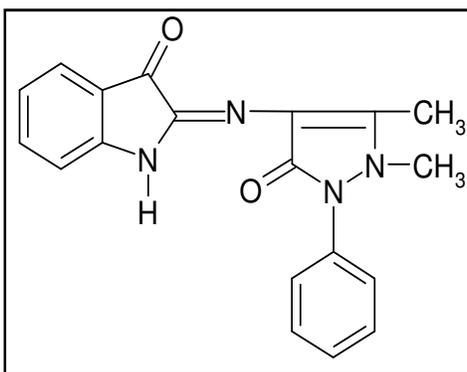


Figure 4: Suggested structure of (2z)-2-((1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4yl) imino)-1,2-dihydro-3H-indol-3-one.

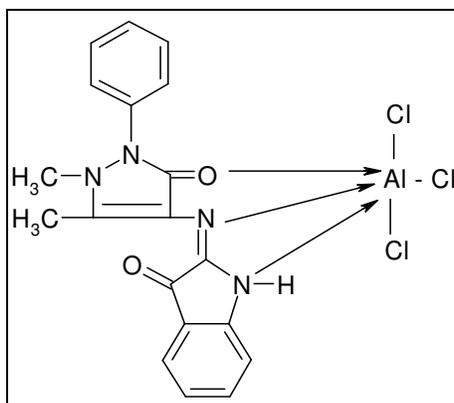
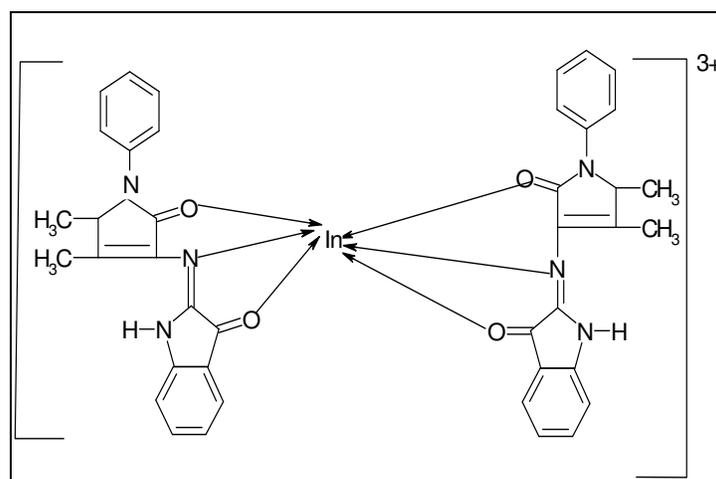
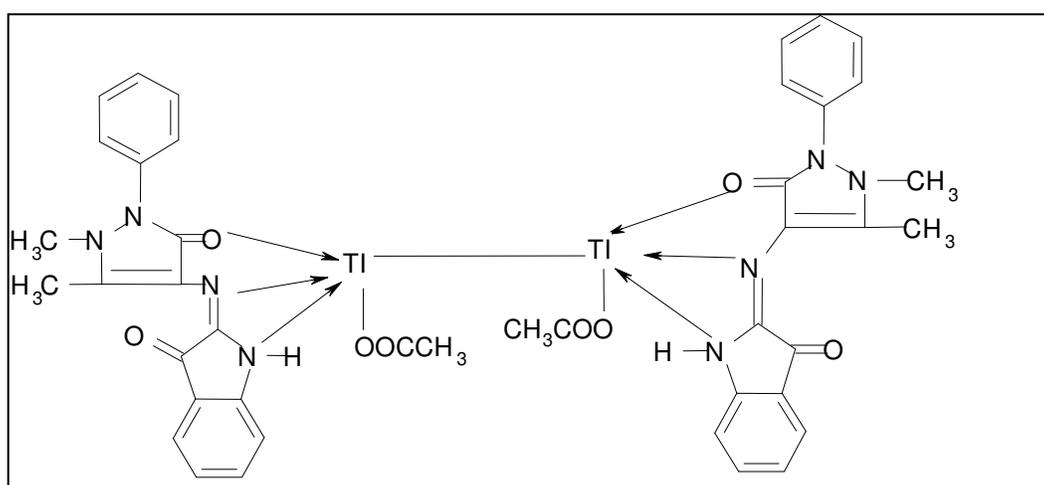


Figure 5: Suggested Structure of $[Al(HL)Cl_3]$

Figure 6: Suggested structure of $[In(HL)_2]^{3+}$ Figure 7: Suggested structure of $[Tl_2(HL)_2(O_2C_2H_3)_2]$.

6. Antimicrobial Studies

All the reported compounds were tested for their antibacterial and antifungal activities against staphylococcus aureus, pseudomonas aeruginosa, Escherichia coli, Basillus subtilis and Candida albicans respectively. The minimum inhibitory concentration (mic) of the ligand and complexes were also determined using agar well diffusion method. The results given in Table 7 and 8 shows that the thallium and indium complexes were the most potent candidates against the tested bacteria and fungi. All of these complexes including the ligand were active against E. coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, and Basillus subtilis. The broad spectrum of indium and thallium complexes in this case implies that there can be used as a chemotherapeutic agent in different bacterial infections and infections involving Candida species and antiseptic¹⁶. Both the Schiff base ligand and complexes showed no activity against Staphylococcus aureus and hence cannot be used as chemotherapeutic agent against infection involving the organism.

Organism	Zone of inhibition (mm).			
	HL	Al(HI)Cl ₃	$[In(HL)_2]^{3+}$	$[Tl_2(HL)_2(O_2C_2H_3)_2]$
Staphylococcus aureus	-	-	-	-
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	10	12	11	15
E. Coli	10	10	12	13
Basillus Subtilis	12	12	15	18
Candida albicans	-	-	12	30

Table 7: antibacterial and antifungal activities of (2z)-2-((1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)imino)-1,2-dihydro-3H-indol-3-one and its Al(III), In(III) and Tl(I) complexes using Ampicilline as standard drug.

Organism	Compound	Conc. In μ g/ml and zone of inhibition (mm)						
		20	10	5	2.5	1.25	0.625	0.134
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	$[Tl_2(HL)_2(O_2C_2H_3)_2]$	15mm	11mm	-	-	-	-	-
E.coli		13mm	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bacillus subtilis		18mm	15mm	14mm	-	-	-	-
Staphylococcus aureus		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Candida albicans		30mm	25mm	20mm	16mm	-	-	-
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	$[In(HL)_2]^{3+}$	11mm	11mm	10mm	-	-	-	-
E. coli		12mm	12mm	12mm	11mm	-	-	-
Bacillus subtilis		15mm	13mm	13mm	-	-	-	-
Staphylococcus aureus		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Candida albicans		12mm	11mm	10mm	-	-	-	-
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	$Al(HI)Cl_3$	12mm	11mm	11mm	-	-	-	-
E. coli		10mm	10mm	-	-	-	-	-
Bacillus subtilis		12mm	11mm	-	-	-	-	-
Staphylococcus aureus		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Candida albicans		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	HL	12mm	11mm	11mm	-	-	-	-
E. coli		10mm	9mm	-	-	-	-	-
Bacillus subtilis		12mm	11mm	-	-	-	-	-
Staphylococcus aureus		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Candida albicans		-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 8: Minimum inhibitory concentration (mic) of (2z)-2-((1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4-yl) imino)-1,2-dihydro-3H-indol-3-one and its Al(III), In(III) and Tl(I) complexes.

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