

SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND EVALUATION OF ANTICANCER AND ANTIOXIDANT ACTIVITY OF NEW AZO DYE DERIVATIVES FROM TRYPTAMINE AND COMPLEXES

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ABSTRACT. This new azo dye 3-((2-(1H-indol-3-yl) ethyl) diazenyl) quinoline-2-ol was subsequently used to prepare a series of complexes with the metal ions of Cr³⁺, Cu²⁺, VO²⁺, Mn²⁺ and Mo⁶⁺. The compounds identified by ¹H and ¹³C-NMR, FT-IR, UV-Vis, mass spectroscopy, as well as TGA, DSC, and C.H.N., conductivity, magnetic susceptibility, metal and chlorine content. The results showed that the ligand behaves in a bidentate, and that the complexes gave octahedral, excepting for VO²⁺ square pyramid was given, that all complexes are non-electrolytes. The effectiveness of mention the compounds in inhibiting free radicals was evaluated by the ability to act as an antioxidant was measured using DPPH as a free radical and gallic acid as a standard substance, the IC₅₀ value was determined, because the ligand was found to have a higher ability to inhibit free radicals, and the ability to inhibit the complexes varied according to the IC₅₀ value. The anti-breast cancer efficacy of the compounds was evaluated at five concentrations each, the results showed that the IC₅₀ value for ligand was 49.86 µg/mL, while the Mo complex gave 25.48 µg/mL, Cu complex gave 123.8 µg/mL, meaning that the Mo-complex gave a higher inhibition value than ligand and Cu.

KEY WORDS: Antioxidant (DPPH), Azo dye complexes, Tryptamine, Thermal analysis, Anticancer

INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women, often associated with the over expression of the estrogen receptor alpha (ER α). As a result, ER α is a crucial target for strategies aimed at preventing breast cancer. Tamoxifen, a stilbene-based compound, binds to the estrogen receptor and helps prevent the development of breast cancer. However, there is a growing need for new compounds to replace anti-hormone drugs like tamoxifen, as tumors can develop resistance to these treatments [1]. The indole nucleus is a core structure found in many natural heterocyclic compounds and has garnered significant attention in various fields such as industrial, agricultural, and medicinal chemistry [2, 3]. Tryptamine is an indole ring structure, which consists of a fused bicyclic system made up of a pyrrole ring and a benzene ring, connected to an amino group via a two-carbon side chain [4]. Azo dyes are organic compounds [5], that have been widely used in various fields, including textiles and medicine. Azo compounds are very important and have entered many fields, including agriculture, industry, and medicine, as well as their high biological effectiveness against fungi and bacteria, due to their containing the azo group [6, 7]. Aromatic azo compounds are generally more stable than aliphatic ones. Aromatic azo compounds are widely used in the production of synthetic organic compounds because they are stable compounds and have a wide range of colors including yellow, orange, red, brown, and blue [8]. On the other hand, aliphatic azo compounds are mainly used as radical initiators in the polymerization of alkanes to produce plastics [9, 10]. Coordination compounds represent a significant and complex field in modern inorganic chemistry [11]. These compounds arise when a ligand coordinates with a metal through two or more binding sites, leading to the formation of

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a heterocyclic ring structure [12]. Through research, we did not find a previous study similar to our compound, according to a search in Science Finder. In this paper study is to mold the azo ligand into novel complexes of the metal ions Cr^{+3} , Cu^{+2} , V^{+4} , Mn^{+2} and Mo^{+6} . Their stability and thermal breakdown were investigated using DSC and TGA curves in addition to spectroscopic studies for characterization. Using the reference Gallic acid, we also assessed the antioxidant properties of the all by using the DPPH radical. Five concentrations of ligand, Cu and Mo complexes were used in a study to assess their anticancer potential against MCF-7, and the IC_{50} was calculated.

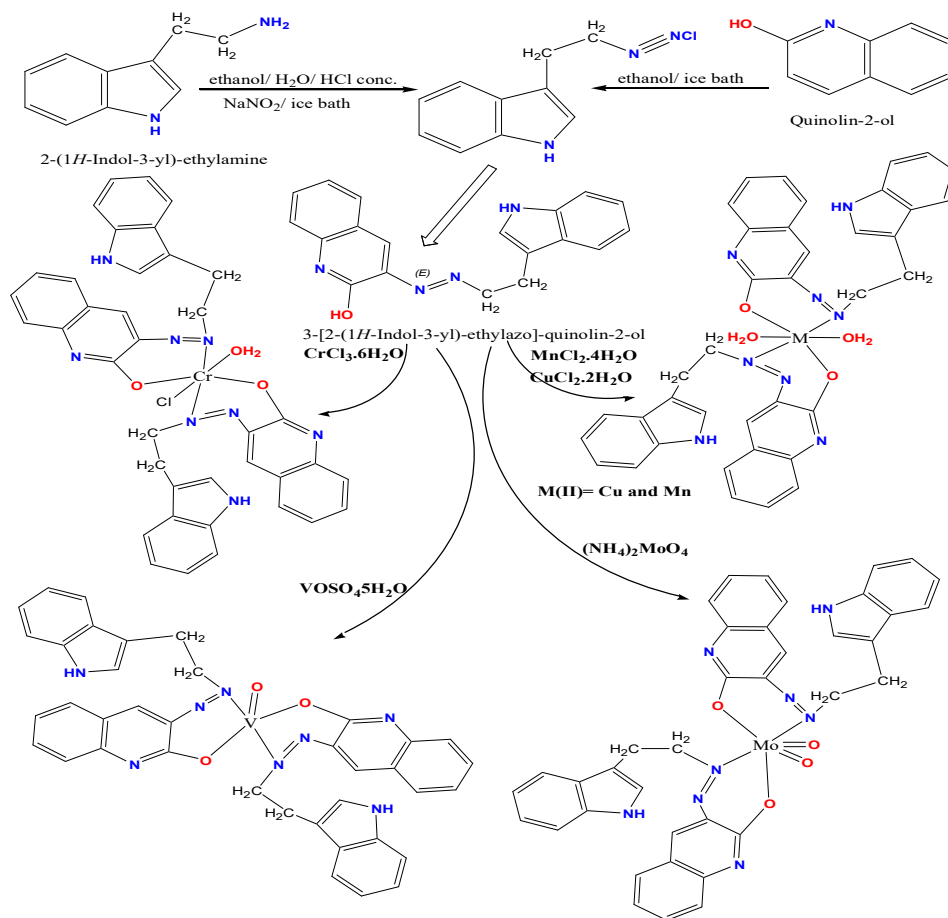
EXPERIMENTAL

Material and methods

All of the materials tryptamine, 2-hydroxyquinoline, NaNO_2 , NaOH , $\text{VOSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, and $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{MoO}_4$ were obtained from Sigma Aldrich and ethanol, HCl conc. and DMSO from Merck. The single-V.3.O-single Euro vector model EA/3000 has been utilized. To achieve (C.H.N.) analysis, metal ions were calculated as chloride using a gravimetric approach. Molar conductivity of the complexes were measured with a Conduct meter W.T.W. at room temperature in 1×10^{-3} M (DMSO). Mass spectra (MS) QP50A: DI Analysis ShimadzuQP-2010-Plus (E170Ev), electron impact (30 eV) spectrometer was logged for the complexes. The UV-Vis absorption spectra to the (200–1100 nm) range were obtained using the UV-1800 Shimadzu Spectrophotometer, 10^{-3} M solutions in DMSO at room temperature. For thermo gravimetric analysis, studies were carried out using the Perkin-Elmer Pyris Diamond TGA-DSC and Fourier transform was examined using the IR Prestige-21 to study FT-IR spectra. Metals were identified using a Shimadzu (F.A.A.) 680 G atomic clock. ^1H and ^{13}C nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded utilizing the Bruker spectrometer operating at a frequency of 400 MHz. spectrometer.

Synthesis of {3-[2-(1H-indol-2-yl)ethylidiazonyl]quinolin-2-ol} (HL)

Tryptamine (1 g, 6.250 mmol) was dissolved in 15 mL of ethanol, and 3 mL of 37% HCl conc. was added at 0-5 °C while being refrigerated. Then, (0.43 g, 6.250 mmol) of NaNO_2 was gradually added, ensuring the temperature did not exceed 5 °C. The solution was stirred for approximately 60 min, leading to the formation of the diazonium salt. Separately, 2-hydroxyquinoline (1 g, 6.250 mmol) was dissolved in 15 mL of ethanol, and the diazonium salt solution was added. Following this, 3 mL of 1 M sodium hydroxide solution was introduced, resulting in the precipitation of a dark green azo compound. This was weighed after being filtered, collected, and given time to dry. Its melting point was 105-110 °C, and its yield was 84.5%. Figure 1 shows the ^1H -NMR and ^{13}C -NMR spectra of the free azo ligand was dissolved in (DMSO- d_6 ppm) solvent using tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. Shows multiple distinct signals at δ (1.90 ppm) is attributed to (4H) t, $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$, 2.69 ppm DMSO, 6.5-6.8 ppm (1H) s, CH-NH indole), 7.56-8.56 ppm (4H) m, CH arom. 8.58-8.93 ppm (1H) d, CH-N=N, 9.75-10.39 ppm (1H) s, OH arom respectively. In the ^{13}C -NMR, Figure 1 shows signals at (C1) 169.75, (C2) 118, (C3) 181.97, (C4) 165.30, (C5) 132.21, (C6) 137.27, (C7) 148.96, (C8) 145.00, (C9) 157.23, (C10) 33.6, (C11) 49.71, (C12) 127.48, (C13) 172.74, (C14) 106.9, (C15) 189.75, (C16) 196.20, (C17) 178.10, (C18) 172.74, (C19) 210 [13-16].



Scheme 1. Formation for the ligand (HL) and its metal complexes.

General approach for synthesis of metal complexes

The metal ions complexes for Cr^{+3} , Cu^{+2} , VO^{+2} , Mn^{+2} and Mo^{+6} were prepared using metal ions. As a stoichiometric amount of (1:2) M:L for $\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.421 g, 1.581 mmol), $\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.312 g, 1.581 mmol), $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.269 g, 1.581 mmol) chloride salts and $\text{VOSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.399 g, 1.581 mmol) and $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{MoO}_4$ (0.309 g, 1.581 mmol) dissolved in 20 mL distilled water was gradually added dropwise additions in round bottom flask, a stoichiometric amount of (1 g, 3.163 mmol) from azo day ligand, dissolved in 10 mL pure ethanol, was continually stirred. The combination was brought to between 40 and 50 °C for 2 hours reverse escalation, cooled in an ice bath until precipitation started to form with color changing, and then permitted to stand for over 6 hours. To get rid of any unreacted components, the solid complexes were separated and washed with a small amount of hot diluted ethanol. Vacuum desiccator was then used to dry the compounds (when varied colors of precipitate were gained) with a production rate of 77%. The complexes fragment at the range between 123 – > 300 °C. Scheme 1 shows how the ligand and metal ions complexes are created. The ligand and its metal complexes' analytic and physical characteristics are included in Table 1.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Data on physical and analytical properties for the ligand and the synthesized complexes

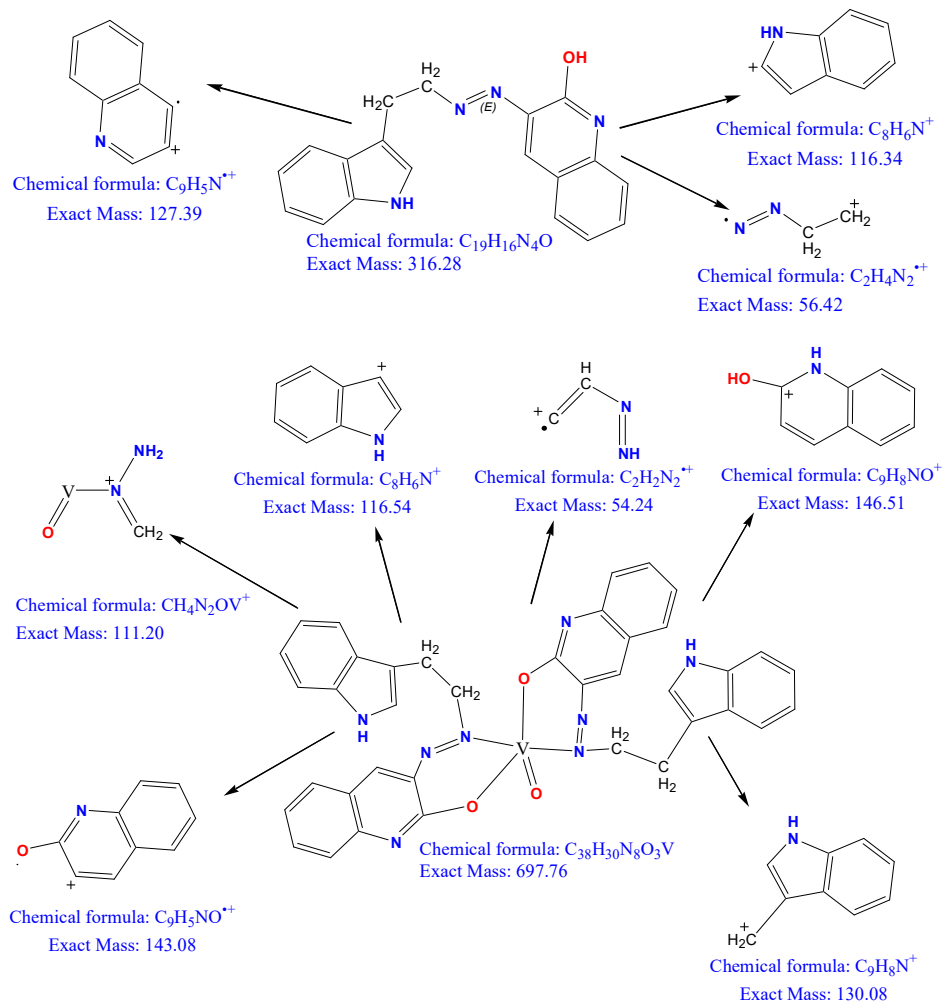
The synthetic compounds illustrated in Scheme 1 were generated through the reaction of metal salts and ligand. Elemental analysis results indicate that all compounds exhibit a 1:2 (M:L) stoichiometry. These findings align with the theoretical calculations. Additionally, the conductivity measurements revealed that all the complexes are non-electrolytic, as shown in Table 1.

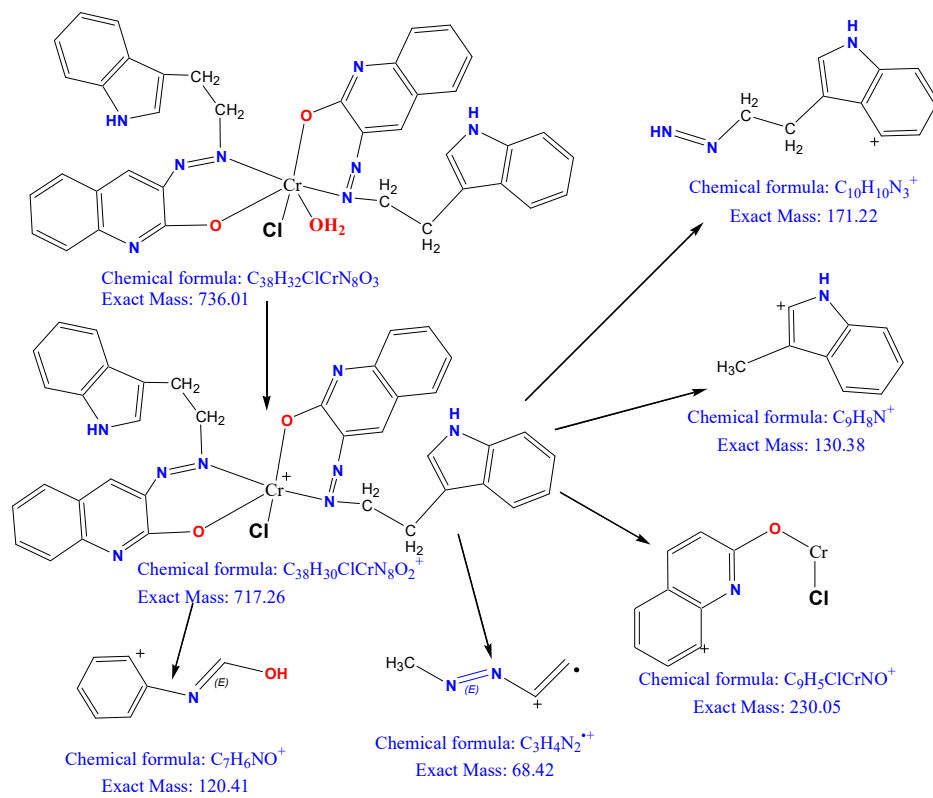
Table 1. Some elemental physical characteristics investigations of ligand and complexes.

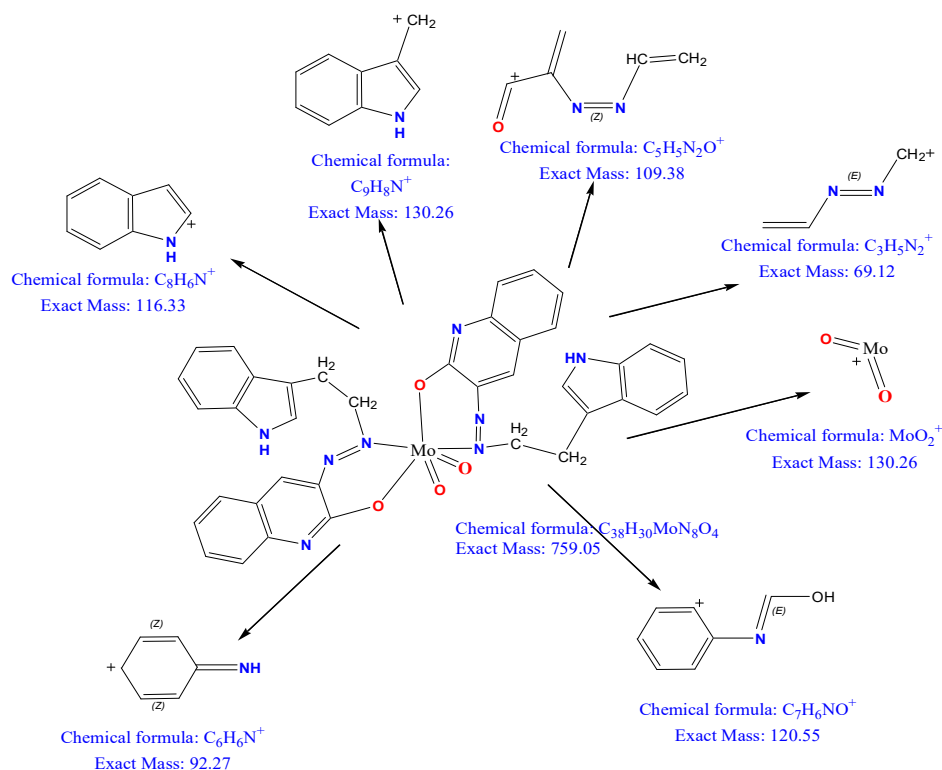
Formula Molecular weight	m.p. °C		C %	H%	N%	M%	Cl%	Conductivity in DMSO cm ² Ω ⁻¹ mol ⁻¹
C ₁₉ H ₁₆ N ₄ O 316.13	105-110	Calculated	72.13	5.10	5.10	-	-	-
		Found	(71.66)	(4.51)	(4.51)			
C ₃₈ H ₃₀ N ₈ O ₃ V 697.19	>300	Calculated	65.42	4.33	16.06	7.30	-	21
		Found	(66.08)	(3.94)	(17.03)	(6.55)		
C ₃₈ H ₃₂ ClCrN ₈ O ₃ 735.17	123-126	Calculated	62.00	4.38	15.22	7.06	4.82	10
		Found	(61.52)	(3.71)	(16.31)	(7.94)	(3.97)	
C ₃₈ H ₃₀ MoN ₈ O ₄ 760.14	>300	Calculated	60.16	3.99	14.77	12.65	-	13
		Found	(59.43)	(4.62)	(15.64)	(13.37)		
C ₃₈ H ₃₄ MnN ₈ O ₄ 721.21	200-207 decompose	Calculated	63.24	4.75	15.53	7.61	-	18
		Found	(64.08)	(5.01)	(16.39)	(6.65)		
C ₃₈ H ₃₄ CuN ₈ O ₄ 729.20	180-185	Calculated	62.50	4.69	15.34	8.70	-	14
		Found	(61.67)	(4.03)	(16.88)	(7.98)		

Ligand and some products in the LC mass spectrometry

Mass spectrometry is a key analytical tool used to determine the molecular weight of the synthesized azo dye and its complexes by analyzing the mass-to-charge (*m/z*) ratio of ions, providing direct identification of molecules. The mass spectrum of ligand (Figure 2) shows the peak of the molecular ion C₁₀H₈N₂O⁺ at *m/z* = 316.28 and its abundance of about 8%. In addition to other plenty for the rest of the pieces including C₉H₅N⁺, C₈H₆N⁺, and C₂H₄N₂⁺. Their brilliance denotes the stability of the parts. In the mass spectrum of the VO⁺² complex shown in (Figure 3), the complex moiety C₃₈H₃₀N₈O₃V exhibited a peak at *m/z* 697.65, which corresponds to the expected mass of the complex. Additional peaks were observed at *m/z* 146.06, 143.04, 130.07, 116.05, 110.98, and 54.02, corresponding to fragment ions such as C₉H₈NO⁺, C₉H₅NO⁺, C₉H₈N⁺, C₈H₆N⁺, CH₄N₂OV⁺, and C₂H₂N₂⁺⁺ at various intensities, indicating the fragmentation pattern of the complex. The Mo⁺⁶ complex exhibits a molecular ion peak at *m/z* 758.67 with a relative abundance of 10%. The fragmentation pattern corresponds to various fragment ions, including C₉H₈N⁺, MoO₂, C₇H₆NO⁺, C₈H₆N⁺, C₅H₅N₂O⁺, C₆H₆N⁺, and C₃H₅N₂⁺, appearing at *m/z* values of 130.17, 129.90, 120.04, 116.05, 109.04, 92.05, and 69.04, respectively. The mass spectrum of the Cr⁺³ exhibits a molecular ion peak at *m/z* 717.15 with a relative abundance of 9%. The fragmentation pattern corresponds to various fragment ions, including C₃₈H₃₂ClCrN₈O₃, C₉H₅ClCrNO⁺, C₁₀H₉N₃⁺, C₉H₈N⁺, C₇H₆NO⁺, C₃H₄N₂⁺ appearing at *m/z* values of 736.17, 229.95, 171.08, 130.17, 120.04, 68.04, respectively [17-19]. In Scheme 2, proposed fragmentation pathways and structural identification of fragments are presented.







Scheme 2. Fragmentation of ligand, VO-complex, Cr-complex and Mo-complex.

Electronic spectra for compounds

The electronic spectrum of the ligand (HL) in Table 2 shows a strong absorption at (278 nm, 35971.2 cm^{-1}) and (337 nm, 29673.5 cm^{-1}) due to the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition and a peak at (340 nm, 29411.7 cm^{-1}) attributed to the $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition, where a high intensity band is formed with an absorption maximum [20]. The electronic transition of VO^{+2} complex shown in Table 2, which peaks of (270, 330, 530 and 600) nm assigned to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, ${}^2B_2g \rightarrow {}^2Eg$, ${}^2B_2g \rightarrow {}^2B_1g$, respectively, which is indicative of a square pyramidal geometry. The electronic absorptions of Cr^{+3} complex shown in Table 2 which peaks of (280, 320, 481, 609 and 667) nm ascribed to the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, ${}^4A_2g \rightarrow {}^3T_1g(p)$, ${}^4A_2g \rightarrow {}^3T_1g(f)$ and ${}^4A_2g \rightarrow {}^3T_2g(f)$, respectively, which is an indicative of an octahedral. The electronic absorption of Mo^{6+} complex shown in Table 2 exhibited peaks of (260, 340 and 405) nm ascribed to the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, C.T. $L \rightarrow M$, respectively, which is an indicative of an octahedral. The electronic absorption of Mn^{2+} complex shown in Table 2 exhibited peaks of (280, 365, 540, 630 and 740) nm ascribed to the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, ${}^6A_1g \rightarrow {}^4A_1g$, ${}^4Eg(G)$, ${}^6A_1g \rightarrow {}^4T_2g(G)$ and ${}^6A_1g \rightarrow {}^4T_1g(G)$, respectively, which is an indicative of an octahedral. The electronic transition of Cu^{+2} complex shown in Table 2 which depicts a peak of (264, 328 and 519) nm ascribed to the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ and ${}^2Eg \rightarrow {}^2T_2g$, respectively, it depicts an octahedral geometry [21-26] shown in the Table 2.

Table 2. Electronic spectral data (ultraviolet and visible) for ligands in their free-state and complexes and molar conductivity in DMSO (1×10^{-3} M) and magnetic susceptibility values.

Compound	λ nm	ν cm ⁻¹	Abs	ϵ_{max} Lmol ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹	Assignment	μ_{eff} (B.M)	Hybridization
Ligand	278	35971.2	1.7	1700	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$		
	337	29673.5	1.65	1650	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$		
	340	29411.7	1.6	1600	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$ C.T		
[VO(L) ₂] Square pyramidal	270	37037.03	1.34	1340	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$	1.901	dsp ³
	330	30303.03	1.02	1020	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$		
	530	18867	0.05	50	${}^2B_{2g} \rightarrow {}^2E_g$		
	600	16666	0.1	100	${}^2B_{2g} \rightarrow {}^2B_{1g}$		
[Cr(L) ₂ (H ₂ O)Cl] Octahedral	280	35814.28	1.05	1050	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$	4.015	d ² sp ³
	320	31250.0	1.44	1440	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$		
	481	20790.02	0.05	500	${}^4A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g} (P)$		
	609	16420.36	0.04	400	${}^4A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g} (F)$		
	667	14992.50	0.10	100	${}^4A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3T_{2g} (F)$		
[Mo(L) ₂ O ₂] Octahedral	260	38461.53	1.25	1250	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$	diamagnetic	d ² sp ³
	340	29411.76	0.07	700	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$		
	405	24691.35	1.23	1230	C.T L → M		
[Mn(L) ₂ (H ₂ O)] Octahedral	280	35714.28	0.975	975	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$	5.025	sp ³ d ²
	365	27397.26	0.050	500	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$		
	540	18518.51	0.023	23	${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4A_{1g}, {}^4E_{g(G)}$		
	630	15873.01	0.024	24	${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g(G)}$		
	700	14285.71	0.025	25	${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g(G)}$		
[Cu(L) ₂ (H ₂ O)] Octahedral	264	37878.78	1.45	1450	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$	1.902	sp ³ d ²
	328	30387.80	1.46	1460	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$		
	519	19267.82	0.05	500	${}^2E_g \rightarrow {}^2T_{2g}$		

Thermal analysis

The detailed results of the thermal decomposition of the ligand and complexes are shown in Table 3 and Scheme 3 shows the stages of decomposition and the DSC results are shown in Table 3 showing the values of ΔH , ΔS , ΔG . Table 4 shows the thermogravimetric analysis of the ligand and complexes and showed the (Figure 4) for curve TGA and DSC for ligand. The results of thermogravimetric decomposition were interpreted according to Scheme 3, which resulted in the decomposition of the ligand in one stage, and the remainder was carbon, while the two complexes were decomposed in three stages. The first stage included the loss of the two water molecules, and the final remainder was the oxidation of the metal for both of them [27-33].

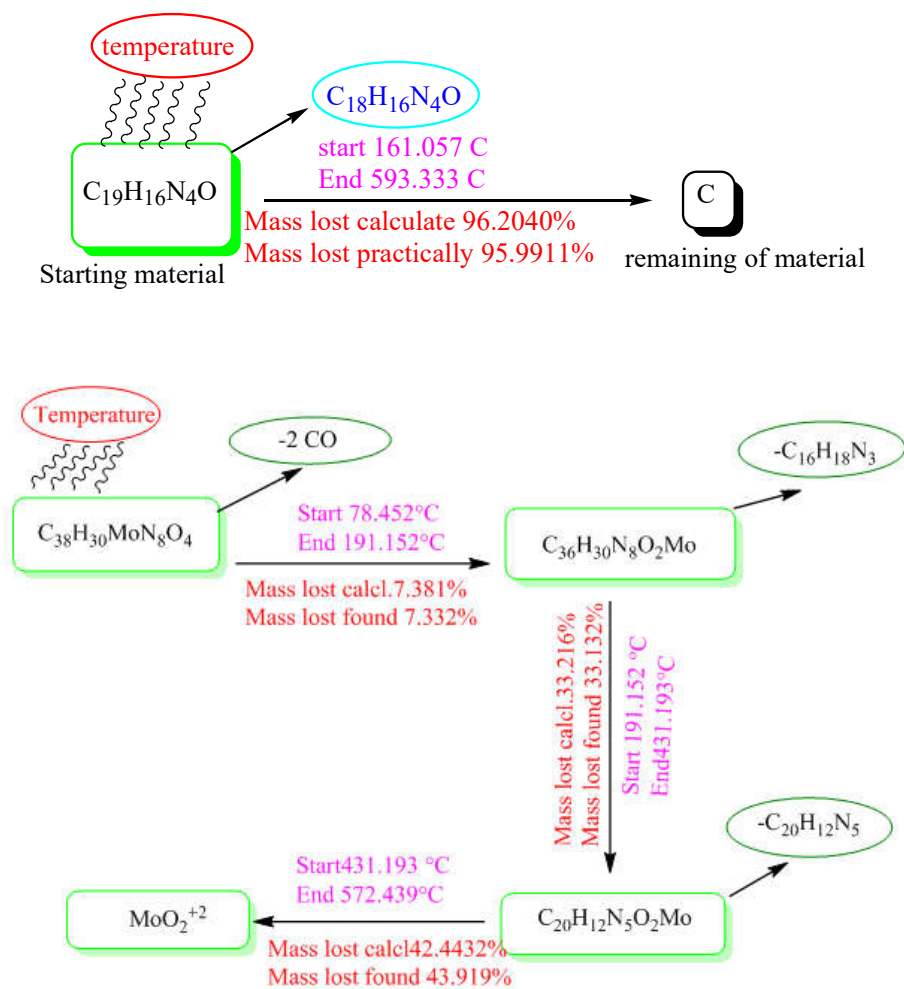
Table 3. DSC analysis of thermal decomposition for the ligand and several complexes.

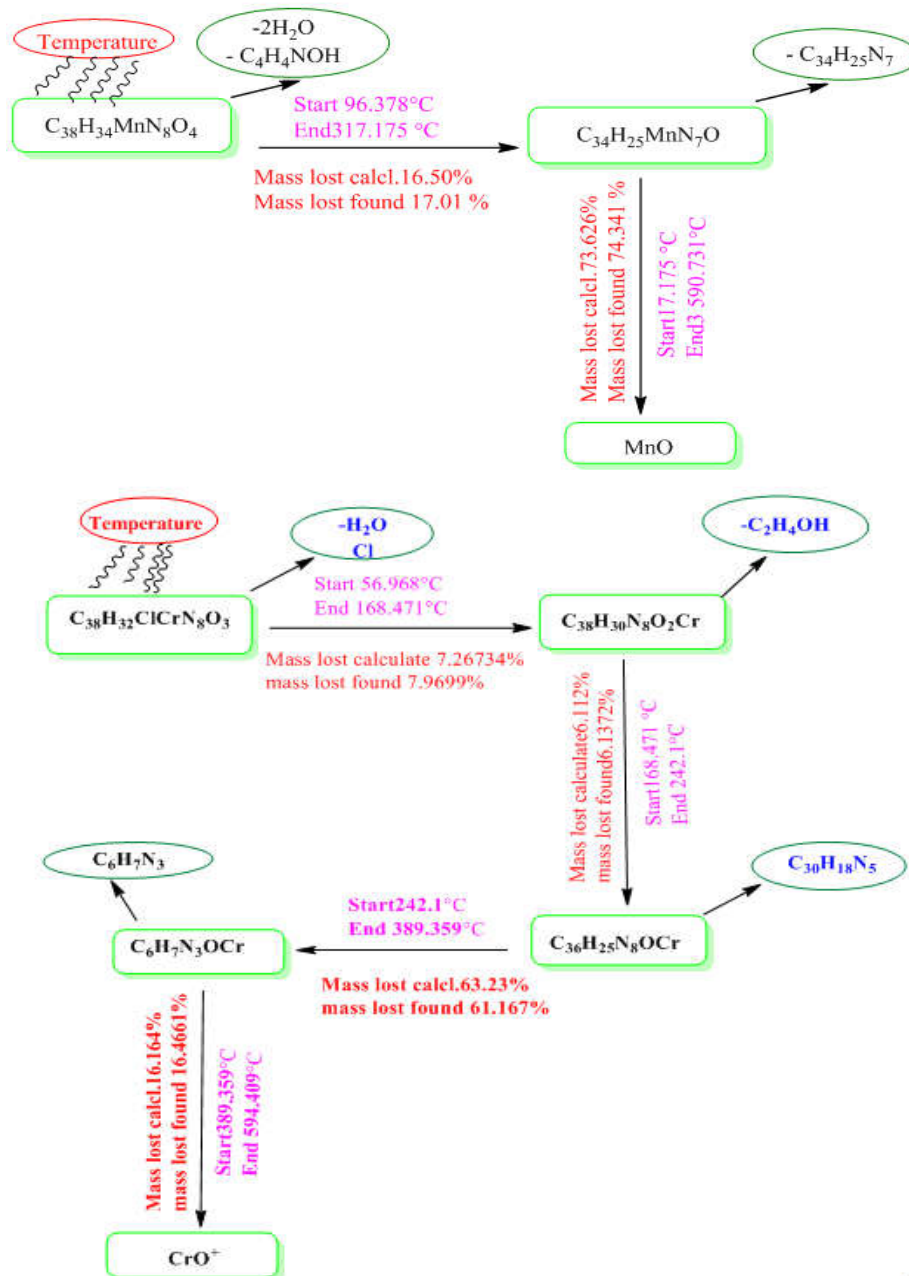
compound	T _i /°C	T _f /°C	Maximum temperature point °C	ΔH J/g	ΔS J	ΔG J	Type
HL	68.29	126.07	99.29	-89.98	-1.5572	64.634	Endothermic
C ₃₈ H ₃₀ N ₈ O ₃ V	47.16	65.49	56.56	-1.66	0.0905	-6.7786	Exothermic
	63.84	96.83	74.36	-26.45	0.8017	-86.064	Exothermic
	178.41	252.74	225.45	55.84	-0.7512	225.202	Endothermic
	325.45	339.59	334.57	-2.75	0.1948	-67.924	Exothermic
C ₃₈ H ₃₂ ClCrN ₈ O ₃	41.08	106.52	66.81	-50.45	0.7709	-101.95	Exothermic
	127.85	172.88	150.79	-27.08	0.6013	-117.27	Exothermic
	182.36	196.21	189.75	-1.19	0.0859	-17.489	Exothermic
	218.64	305.41	254.77	238.78	-2.7518	939.85	Endothermic
C ₃₈ H ₃₀ MoN ₈ O ₄	48.01	108.52	67.26	-38.85	0.6420	-82.03	Exothermic

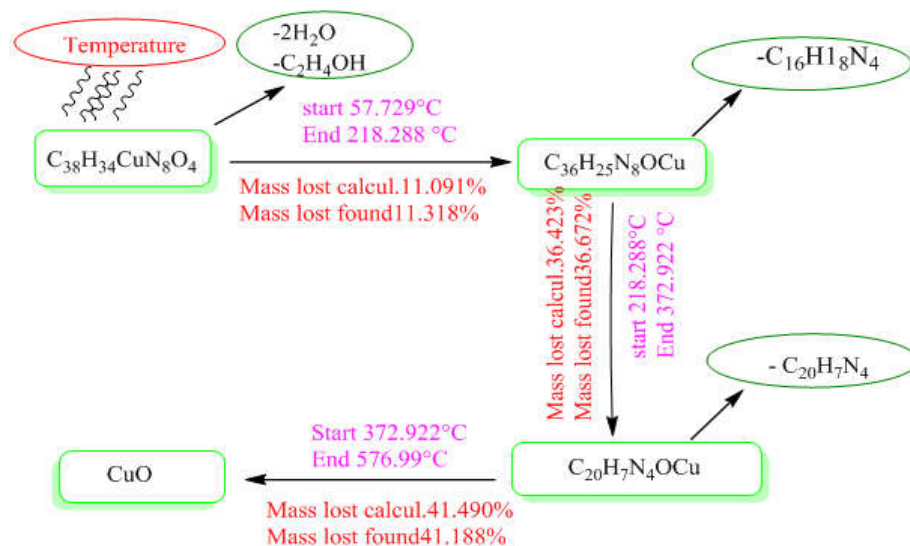
	123.85	178.87	155.79	-18.28	0.3322	-70.03	Exothermic
	186.36	198.21	188.78	-1.89	0.1594	-31.98	Exothermic
	215.64	308.21	257.47	257.38	-2.7803	973.22	Endothermic
C ₃₈ H ₃₄ MnN ₈ O ₄	44.36	108.13	73.42	186.32	-2.9217	400.83	Endothermic
	213.42	358.93	288.39	258.99	-1.7798	772.26	Endothermic
C ₃₈ H ₃₄ CuN ₈ O ₄	385.75	398.38	393.99	-3.97	0.3143	-127.801	Exothermic

Table 4. TGA data of the ligand and complexes.

Complex	step	T _i °C	T _f °C	Weight mass loss%	Reaction
HL	1	161.057	593.333	Calc.	- C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₄ O C
				Found	
				96.162%	
				95.991%	
Calculated:	96.162%	Final = 3.838%	Estimated: 95.991%	Final = 4.008%	
C ₃₈ H ₃₀ N ₈ O ₃ V	1	78.627	213.231	15.849%	-C ₆ H ₉ NO
	2	213.231	360.477	15.849%	-C ₂₀ H ₁₅ N ₆ O
	3	360.477	577.89	58.157%	-C ₁₂ H ₆ N
				60.792%	
				23.522%	
				26.278%	
					VO ⁺²
Calculated:	97.528 %	Final = 2.47%	Estimated: 102.9 %	Final = -2.9%	
C ₃₈ H ₃₂ ClCrN ₈ O ₃	1	56.968	168.471	7.26734%	-H ₂ O/-Cl
	2	168.471	242.1	7.9699%	-C ₂ H ₄ OH
	3	242.1	389.359	6.1127%	-C ₃₀ H ₁₈ N ₅
	4	389.359	594.409	6.1372%	-C ₆ H ₇ O
				60.8555%	
				61.167%	
				16.4645%	
				16.4660%	
					CrO ⁺
Calculated:	90.7010%	Final = 9.299%	Estimated = 91.73%	Final = 8.26%	
C ₃₈ H ₃₀ MoN ₈ O ₄	1	78.452	191.152	7.381%	-2CO
	2	191.152	431.193	7.332%	-C ₁₆ H ₁₈ N ₃
	3	431.193	572.439	33.216%	-C ₂₀ H ₁₂ N ₅
				33.132%	
				42.4432%	
				43.919%	
					MoO ₂ ⁺²
Calculated:	83.039 %	Final = 16.961%	Estimated = 84.383 %	Final = 15.617%	
C ₃₈ H ₃₄ MnN ₈ O ₄	1	96.378	317.175	16.500%	-2H ₂ O/-
	2	317.175	590.731	17.011%	C ₄ H ₄ NOH
				73.626%	-C ₃₄ H ₂₅ N ₇
				74.341%	MnO
Calculated:	90.126 %	Final = 9.87 %	Estimated: 91.352 %	Final = 8.64%	
C ₃₈ H ₃₄ CuN ₈ O ₄	1	57.729	218.288	11.091%	-2H ₂ O/-C ₂ H ₄ OH
	2	218.288	372.922	11.318%	C ₁₆ H ₁₈ N ₄
	3	372.922	576.99	36.423%	-C ₂₀ H ₇ N ₄
				36.682%	
				41.490%	
				41.188%	
					CuO
Calculated:	89.004 %	Final = 10.996 %	Estimated = 89.188 %	Final = 10.812 %	







Scheme 3. Preliminary breakdown reactions of metal complexes and their ligand.

Infrared spectra

The infrared spectral data for the synthesized azo dye ligand and its corresponding metal complexes are provided in Table 5. It shows bands at 3304, 3191.82 cm^{-1} (O-H), and (NH) indole rings, respectively and at 1419.61 cm^{-1} corresponds to the new Azo group (N=N), confirming the formation of the ligand [34-38]. Conversely the FT-IR spectra of the VO^{+2} , Mo^{+6} , Cu^{+2} , Mn^{+2} and Cr^{+3} complexes show the disappearance of the O-H stretching vibration of the phenolic group, which was in the free ligand. Coordination occurs through the phenolic oxygen. Other evidence supporting the occurrence of coordination includes new vibrational modes corresponding to M-N, M-O, and V=O groups in the ranges of 572.66, 479.85, and 993.34 cm^{-1} , respectively. Additionally, changes in the shape, intensity, and position of the N=N mode, compared to that of the free ligand, further support coordination. Additionally, the stretching vibrational bands observed at (3491, 1641, and 754) cm^{-1} are attributed to the coordinated water molecules associated with the Cr-Cl, as reported in previous studies [39, 40]. These characteristic vibrations confirm the interaction between water molecules and the metal center. All Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) data, including these key vibration modes, are summarized in Table 5.

Table 5. Infrared spectral bands of ligand and their complexes (cm^{-1}).

Compounds	$\nu(H_2O)$ aqua $\delta(H_2O)$	Other brands	ν (N=N)	$\nu(CH)$ arom. $\nu(CH)$ alph.	$\nu(NH)$ indol
(HL)	-	C-OH Phenolic 3304	1419.61	3049.46 2918.30	3191.82
[VO(L) ₂]	-	572.66 ν (M-N), 479.85 ν (M-O), 993.34 ν (M=O)	1467.11	3019.60 2927.16	3199.58
[Cr(L) ₂ (H ₂ O)Cl]	3491.21 1641.42 754.17	619.15 ν (M-N), 503.43 ν (M-O), 451.34 ν (Cr-Cl)	1460.11	3049.46 2926.01	3186.82
[Mo(L) ₂ O ₂]	-	572.86 ν (M-N), 499.56	1402.25	3028.24	3188.11

		$\nu(\text{M-O}), 1115$ $\nu(\text{O=Mo=O}) (\text{Cis})$		2910.0	
$[\text{Mn}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$	3414.00 1641.42 835.18	501.49 ν (M-N), 457.13 ν (M-O),	1458.18	3020.13 2900.1	3201.83
$[\text{Cu}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$	3412.08 1645.28 756.10	497.63 ν (M-N), 462.92 ν (M-O),	1467.83	3024.46 2926.01	3183.40

Antioxidant activity

Antioxidants effectively neutralize DPPH free radicals by donating hydrogen atoms. The stable DPPH radical can accept an electron from a hydrogen atom, forming a diamagnetic molecule. The reduction in DPPH concentration is measured by the decrease in absorbance at 517 nm due to antioxidants [41, 42]. The results of the antioxidant analysis showed that the azo ligand (HL) and its metal complexes under study, namely VO^{+2} , Mo^{+6} , Cu^{+2} , Mn^{+2} and Cr^{+3} , possess antioxidant properties when compared to ascorbic acid. It was found that the ligand is more effective at removing free radicals, largely due to the presence of a hydroxyl group [35, 38]. Consequently, when the sample solution is introduced, the free radicals are neutralized by the sample, which donates either a hydrogen atom or an electron, leading to the neutralization of the free radicals. As a result, the sample produces fewer free radicals. The outcomes were as follows (Gallic acid > $[\text{Cr}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Cl}]$ > $[\text{Mn}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ > $[\text{VO}(\text{L})_2]$ > Ligand = $[\text{Mo}(\text{L})_2\text{O}_2]$ > $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$) as illustrated in Table 6 variations of IC_{50} values for Gallic acid its compounds .

Table 6. The antioxidant results (PI%, RSA% and IC_{50}) of ligand and their metal complexes.

compound	Concentration $\mu\text{g/mL}$	PI%	RSA%	IC_{50} $\mu\text{g/mL}$
Gallic acid	0.008	11.39	88.61	0.855
	0.004	27.79	72.21	
	0.002	36.49	63.51	
	0.001	40.12	59.88	
	0.0005	43.18	56.82	
Ligand	0.008	48.41	51.59	1.001
	0.004	55.92	44.08	
	0.002	59.76	40.24	
	0.001	63.06	36.94	
	0.0005	63.46	36.54	
$[\text{VO}(\text{L})_2]$	0.008	23.33	76.67	0.908
	0.004	37.05	62.95	
	0.002	46.16	53.84	
	0.001	48.67	51.33	
	0.0005	53.39	46.61	
$[\text{Cr}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Cl}]$	0.008	11.16	88.84	0.869
	0.004	51.16	48.84	
	0.002	55.39	44.61	
	0.001	60.29	39.71	
	0.0005	61.06	38.94	
$[\text{Mo}(\text{L})_2\text{O}_2]$	0.008	20.71	79.29	1.001
	0.004	29.79	70.21	
	0.002	36.49	63.51	
	0.001	40.12	59.88	
	0.0005	41.18	58.82	
$[\text{Mn}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$	0.008	32.09	67.91	0.899
	0.004	38.92	61.08	
	0.002	45.06	54.94	

	0.001	48.97	51.03	
	0.0005	49.78	50.22	
[Cu(L) ₂ (H ₂ O)]	0.008	11.61	88.39	1.012
	0.004	23.06	76.94	
	0.002	30.34	69.66	
	0.001	35.33	64.67	
	0.0005	37.06	62.94	

Investigation of anticancer activity

Cancer cell growth was determined using MTT, and MCF7 cells were digested with trypsin. The cells were treated with 20-320 µg/mL (five concentration) with compounds for 24 hours at 37 °C in 5% CO₂, and the MTT solution was added in phosphate-buffered saline for an additional four hours, and the absorbance was determined as 570 nm. Using an ELISA reader, and the concentration of compounds Cu-Complex, Mo-Complex, ligand in Table 7, that led to 50% of cell death was determined, the results showed that the inhibition was high for the compounds, as the highest inhibition was for Mo complex, followed by ligand and Cu complex according to the IC₅₀ value. When compared to healthy cells. Also, the percentage of free radical inhibition of these compounds was molybdenum, which gave the highest inhibition, followed by ligand, then copper. These compounds were chosen over others based on studies and references that advise preferring these minerals over others due to their vital importance. [37-42], along with the IC₅₀ values. Illustrate the cell viability rates in MCF-7 cells treated with the chosen compounds. It is clear from the displayed figures that our compounds have behavior against MCF-7 according to the order Mo-complex > HL > Cu-complex.

Table 7. Cellular toxicity of compounds towards MCF-7.

Sample	Ligand					MCF-7/24H
Construction (µg/mL)	0	20	40	80	160	320
Absorption at 570 nm	1.123/1.125/1.098	0.7105/0.7104/0.7191	0.6326/0.6412/0.6259	0.611/0.5421/0.5736	0.3793/0.3582/0.3599	0.1014/0.1027/0.0743
Viability (%)	98.38157	63.00342	54.30128	49.41799	29.46467	2.798008
Average viability (%)	100	62.46499	54.98599	49.60162	30.01556	4.525366
Standard deviation(±)	1.404704	0.466324	0.716119	3.220549	1.09451	1.497166
Sample	Mo-complex					MCF-7/24h
Construction (µg/mL)	0	20	40	80	160	320
Absorption at 570 nm	1.123 1.125 1.098	0.625 0.687 0.644	0.4632 0.4323 0.4543	0.2745 0.2545 0.2789	0.154 0.1706 0.1614	0.102 0.1143 0.1124
Viability (%)	98.382	55.991	38.279	21.902	10.931	6.3554
Average viability (%)	100	56.738	37.871	21.005	10.987	6.0909
Standard deviation(±)	1.4047	2.9659	1.4852	1.2142	0.7765	0.6182
Sample	Cu-complex					MCF-7/24h

Construction (µg/mL)	0	20	40	80	160	320
Absorption at 570 nm	1.123	0.9165	0.8386	0.7875	0.5553	0.2804
	1.125	0.9264	0.8572	0.7181	0.5346	0.2787
	1.098	0.9451	0.8619	0.7496	0.5359	0.2503
Viability (%)	98.382	84.105	76.337	65.851	45.898	19.231
Average viability (%)	100	82.633	75.465	66.05	46.461	21.052
Standard deviation(±)	1.4047	1.3561	1.1505	3.2446	1.0825	1.5788

CONCLUSION

In summary, using a straightforward substitution process using 2-hydroxyquinoline, we were able to successfully synthesize a novel azo ligand derivative with tryptamine. Then, ligand and metal complexes were identified using various analytical methods, including thermal analysis curves (TGA and DSC), elemental microanalysis, metal chlorides, conductivity measurements, magnetic susceptibility, ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, FT-IR and UV-Vis spectroscopy. Thermodynamic parameters ΔH , ΔS and ΔG were calculated using DCS curves. The bidentate coordination sites of atoms N and O in the ligand were identified by comparing the infrared spectra with those of the metal complexes. The M:L ratio of each compound was [1:2]. The dye was used to determine its ability to inhibit free radicals using its prepared complexes, and its ability as an antioxidant was determined using DPPH as a free radical and gallic acid as a standard substance. The IC_{50} value was determined and it was found that the ligand had high free radical inhibition ability. The free radical inhibition ability and complex inhibition ability changed according to the IC_{50} value, and the results were as follows (Gallic acid > $[\text{Cr}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Cl}] > [\text{Mn}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})] > [\text{VO}(\text{L})_2] > \text{ligand} = [\text{Mo}(\text{L})_2\text{O}_2] > [\text{Cu}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$), ligand, Cu^{+2} , and Mo^{+6} complexes were evaluated as anticancer agents breast cancer MCF-7 in five concentrations, the results showed that the IC_{50} value for ligand was 49.86 µg/mL, while the Mo complex gave 25.48 µg/mL, Cu complex gave 123.8 µg/mL, meaning that the Mo-complex gave a higher inhibition value than ligand and Cu.

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