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# Schiff base ligand and metal (II) complex: Synthesis, characterization and biological evaluation

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Mixed ligand complexes of Cu (II), Ni (II), Mg (II), Hg (II) and Fe (II) with an innovative Schiff base ligand denoted as (L1), (Z)-2-(1-hydrazineylideneethyl)-3H-benzo[f]chromen-3-one and (L2), (E)-2-(1-(2-phenylhydrazineylidene)ethyl)-3H-benzo[f]chromen-3-one, as the principal ligands have been synthesized and characterized. Assessments include elemental analyses and mass spectrometry, Fourier transform-infrared and ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy. The mixed ligand complex has been evaluated for its antibacterial activity against two Gram-positive bacteria (*Bacillus subtilis*, MTCC 441 and *Staphylococcus aureus*, MTCC 96) and two Gram-negative bacteria (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, MTCC 1866 and *Escherichia coli*, MTCC 443).

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