**Synthesis¸ Characterization and Biological Activity of a Schiff Base Derived from Salicylaldehyde and P-Amino Benzoic acid and its Transition Metal Complexes**

The field of Schiff base complexes has been fast developing on account of the wide variety of possible structures for the ligands depending upon the aldehydes and amines. Schiff bases are considered as a very important class of organic compounds, which have wide applications in many biological aspects Transition metal complexes of Schiff - bases are one of the most adaptable and thoroughly studied systems. These complexes have also applications in clinical and analytical and industrial in addition to their important roles in catalysis and organic synthesis.

Schiff base, has been synthesized from salicylaldehyde and P-amino benzoic acid. Metal complexes of the Schiff base were prepared from nitrate/chloride salts of Ni(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) in an alcoholic medium.

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