# RARE EARTH METAL CHELATES OF SCHIFF BASE LIGAND: SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION, CATALYSIS AND ANTIMICROBIAL STUDY.

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## ABSTRACT

The rare earth metal perchlorates of trivalent lanthanum, cerium and samarium were used for the synthesis of metal chelates. The Schiff base(5BA) ligand was synthesized from 5-bromo salicylaldehyde and 2-amino benzoic acid (anthranilic acid) in ethanol. The synthesized ligand plays a significant role in biological applications due to the presence of halogen atom in its chemical structure. The schiff base ligand acts as a chelating agent and it is able to form six membered ring by coordinating with metal ion through the oxygen and nitrogen donor atoms corresponding to the functional groups -OH, -COOH and -C=N groups. The synthesized metal chelates have been characterized by elemental analysis, FTIR, TGA, electronic spectra, magnetic and molar conductance. Activation energy of metal chelates was evaluated using TGA data by Broido method. The synthesized chelates were subjected to study of catalytic properties for various reactions. The catalytic study of all the chelates in organic synthesis reaction was carried out. The chemical kinetic reactions were also studied to check the effect of chelates on rate of reaction. All the chelates and Schiff base ligand were screened for antimicrobial study against gram positive (B. *subtilis*, B. *cereus*) and gram negative (E. *coli*, P. *aeruginosa*) bacterial species. **Key words**: Rare earth metal chelates, catalysis, antimicrobial activity

## Introduction

The lanthanide elements are also termed as rare earth metals. The lanthanide chelates are interesting due to their reactivity, coordination property and their verity of applications. Lanthanide chelates have been shown to be applicable in the fields of catalysts, pharmaceutical, agriculture and electroluminescence [1,2]. Some Gd (III) chelates have been used in MRI medical imagining [3]. Germen chemist Hugo Schiff introduced imine compounds in 1864 [4]. They are prepared through alcohol condensation method. These ligands have been utilized in metal chelate formations due to their ease of synthesis and variety of applications. Schiff bases and their metal chelates have been studied for their applications as antibacterial agents, antifungal agents, antitumor drugs, catalysts in coordination chemistry. Metal chelation is very important to enhance biological activity of Schiff base ligand where the coordination can occur between a variety of metal ions and a wide range of ligands. Our interest in the chemistry of Lanthanide chelates of Schiff base ligand with O and N donor atoms comes from their structural importance as well as their interesting biological activities. Several metal chelates have been shown

to inhibit tumor growth [5-8]. Especially when Schiff base ligand exhibits halogen atom it enhances the biological property of schiff base compound [9-11]. In this communication, we have reported a Schiff base ligand from 5-bromo salicylaldehyde and 2-amino benzoic acid (Fig 1.) and its rare earth metal chelates which were investigated by elemental analysis, FTIR, TGA, electronic spectra, magnetic and molar conductance. The synthesized rare earth metal chelates were investigated for their antimicrobial as well as catalytical studies.

#### **Experimental section**

#### **Materials and Method**

All reactants and solvents used were of analytical grade for experimental work. Spectroscopic grade solvents were used for recording the spectra. 5-Bromo salicylaldehyde and anthranilic acid were used for the synthesis of ligand. IR spectra of Schiff base and metal chelates were recorded in the range of 4000 - 400cm<sup>-1</sup> by using sample as KBr pallets on Shimadzu, IR Affinity 1 S IR spectrophotometer. C, H and N elemental analysis was carried out using CHN analyzer of Thermo Finnigan, FLASH EA 112 Series. UV visible absorbance spectra were recorded on Shimadzu UV 1800 Series UV Visible Spectrophotometer in 200.0 nm to 800.0 nm wavelength range. Thermogravimetric analysis was recorded by using a Perkin-Elmer Diamond Thermoravimetric/Differential Thermal Analyzer. Magnetic susceptibility measurements were recorded by using Goy's method at room temperature, using Hg[Co(CNS)4] as calibrant.

#### Synthesis of ligand:

The schiff base ligand was synthesized by adding 0.1 mol (4.02 gm) 50 ml ethanolic solution of 5-bromo salicylaldehyde to 0.1 mol (2.74 gm) 50 ml ethanolic solution of anthranilic acid and stirring the mixture for 3 hours. The concentrated solution contained orange color precipitates of Schiff base (IUPAC name 2-[(E)-(5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzylidene) amino] benzoic acid). The precipitates were filtered and recrystallized from hot ethanolic solution and dried. The melting point of this ligand was found to be 250°C.



#### Figure 1: synthesis of Schiff base ligand 5BA

#### Synthesis of metal Chelates

The synthesis of metal chelates was carried out by mixing 100ml 0.1M metal perchlorate solution and 100ml 0.1M ligand alcoholic solution. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 5 to 6 hours at  $\sim 100^{\circ}$ c temperature. After five hours the reaction mixture was cooled. After 10 hours chelates slowly precipitated, the chelate, thus obtained, was washed well with absolute hot solution of alcohol and distilled water to remove unreacted metal salt and ligand. All the chelates were dried in oven at 60 to 70°C temperature.

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## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

## **Physical Measurements**

## Table 1: Analytical data and physical measurements of the ligand and metal chelatees

compound	Colour	Formula Weight gm/ mol	Solvent	M.P. °C	Magnetic Susceptibility (B.M.)	R.F. Value	Molar Conductance S cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>
Ligand 5-BA	Orange	320.13	Ethanol	250	-	0.71	-
La-5BA	Orange	829.18	DMF	285	Diamagnetic	0.63	22.57
Ce-5BA	Light Orange	812.39	DMF	288	2.01	0.68	26.35
Sm-5BA	Orange	840.63	DMF	290	1.24	0.61	18.66

## **Elemental** Analysis

## Table 2: Elemental analysis of the ligand and metal chelates

compound	Elemental Analysis. Experimental (Calc) %								
	C H N M								
5BA	52.52 (51.13)	3.15 (2.8)	4.38 (4.03)	-					
La-5BA	41.46 (40.73)	2.49 (3.04)	3.45 (3.3)	16.80 (17.12)					
Ce-5BA	41.40 (40.25)	2.48 (2.8)	3.45 (3.2)	16.24 (17.25)					
Sm-5BA	39.47(40.88)	2.71 (2.45)	3.07 (3.41)	17.89 (18.28)					

Metal contents of rare earth metal chelates were determined by complex-metric titration against standardized EDTA solution at proper pH value using appropriate indicator.

# IR Spectra

The spectra of ligand and metal chelates are obtained in the range of 4000 - 400 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the form of KBr pellets. The important infrared absorption bands of ligand and its metal chelates are shown in table 3. All the spectra are characterized by vibrational bands mainly due to C=N, COOH and OH functional groups. The schiff base ligand 5-BA contains functional groups such as azomethine, carboxyl acid and hydroxyl. The v (O-H) for ligand appears at 3076 cm<sup>-1</sup> and this peak in chelatees shifts to 3058-3060 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which indicates the coordination of O-H bond to the metal ion. The v (C=O) vibration of carboxylic acid group in the free ligand is at 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup>; for the chelates the peak shifts to 1595-1599 cm<sup>-1</sup> indicating the coordination of O atom of C=O group to the metal ion. The O-H stretching frequency of carboxylic acid group in Schiff base ligand is observed at 2748 cm<sup>-1</sup>, whereas in the metal chelates this frequency disappears. This gives the assurance that the oxygen atom of OH bond of carboxylic acid group is coordinated to the metal ion in the formation of its chelates. The IR band 1606 cm<sup>-1</sup>, for the free ligand, is assigned to the v (C=N) stretch. It shifts to 1572-1573 cm<sup>-1</sup> for its chelates [12-14].

IR Spectra (cm<sup>-1</sup>) Analysis for Ligand 5-BA and its metal chelates

Table 3: IR spectral data of (	the ligand and	l metal chelates
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Compounds	U (C-N)	Dhanalia (O II)			СООН				U (M.NI)	บ (M O)
	(C=N)	v (O-H)	v (C-O)	(U-II) (H <sub>2</sub> O)	v (C-O)	บ (O-H)	v (COO <sup>-</sup> )		(101-10)	(M-O)
		(0-11)	(0-0)		(C=0)	(0-11)	(Asym- metric)	(Symm- etric)		
5-BSAA	1606	3076	1244		1640	2748				
La-5BA	1572	3060	1232	3405	1595		1510	1477	471	522
Ce-5BA	1572	3059	1232	3386	1595		1511	1470	474	522
Sm-5BA	1573	3054	1234	3396	1599		1514	1472	470	522

All of these IR stretching frequencies are observed in both the compounds, chelates as well as Schiff base ligand

with noticeable differences due to the coordination of metal ion to the donor atoms of the ligand but some IR frequencies are only observed in metal chelates and not in the ligand. The IR band between 3384-3405 cm<sup>-1</sup> are only observed in metal chelates and not in Schiff base, which is assigned for -OH stretching frequency of water molecule. This gives the confirmation of coordination of H<sub>2</sub>O molecule in the formation of metal chelates which is further also confirmed from TGA data. The v (M-O) and v (M-N) vibrational frequencies are at 522 and 470-474 cm<sup>-1</sup> respectively [15]. From the above discussed IR stretching frequencies it can be concluded that the nitrogen atom from azomethine group, oxygen atom from phenolic -OH group, ketone group, carboxylic group and carboxylate ion act as donor atoms in metal chelates formation. So, the Schiff base ligand 5-BA acts as multidentate ligand.

#### Molar conductivity measurements

The molar conductance of metal chelates using 10<sup>-3</sup> M solutions in DMF were recorded which is illustrated in Table 1. The molar conductance measurements of metal chelate were observed in the range of 18.66 to 26.35 S cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> which indicates the non-electrolytic nature of all the chelates.

#### **Thermo Gravimetric Analysis**

It is observed that in TGA analysis for one mole La-5BA chelate at 150 °C temperature, 52.23 gm/mole weight loss occurred, which indicates that two H<sub>2</sub>O molecules of crystallization are present and at 250 °C temperature 32.08 gm/mole weight loss occurred for one mole La-5BA chelate which indicates that one H<sub>2</sub>O molecule is coordinated with La<sup>3+</sup> metal ion in its chelate. In TGA analysis for one mole of Ce-5BA at 150 °C temperature, 48.66 gm/mole weight loss occurred which indicates that there are two H<sub>2</sub>O molecules of crystallization, present and at 250 °C temperature 27.23 gm/mole weight loss occurred for one mole Ce-5BA chelate which indicates that one H<sub>2</sub>O molecule is coordinated with Ce<sup>3+</sup> metal ion in Ce-5BA. For Sm-5BA chelate, at 150 °C temperature 52.11 gm weight loss per molecule occurred, which indicates two H<sub>2</sub>O molecules of crystallization are present and at 250 °C temperature 31.69 gm/mole weight loss occurred for one mole Sm-5BA chelate which indicates that one coordinated H<sub>2</sub>O molecule is present in Sm-5BA chelate. The possible water molecules in the structure of metal chelates are shown in table 5. From the table it can be concluded that each of the metal chelates contains three water molecules in their structures two of them are water molecules for crystallization and one is for coordination [16,17].

#### Table 4: Thermo Gravimetric Analysis of metal chelates

Metal		RT to 150°C	2	150°C to 250°C			
chelate	% Weight loss	Loss of weight (Gm/mole)	No. of water molecule per metal chelate molecule (water of crystallization)	% Weight loss	Loss of weight (Gm/mole)	No. of water molecule per metal chelate molecule (water of coordination)	
5BA	-	-	-	-	-	-	
La-5BA	6.03	52.23	2	3.87	32.08	1	
Ce-5BA	5.86	48.66	2	3.28	27.23	1	
Sm-5BA	6.2	52.11	2	3.77	31.69	1	



## Figure 2: TGA of Chelate

## **Mass Spectra**

From elemental analysis the molecular formula of Schiff base ligand is suggested  $C_{14}H_{10}O_3NBr$ . The molecular ion peak at m/z= 217.3(M) amu corresponds to the fragment  $[C_7H_5NBr]^+$  in ligand moiety. In the mass spectrum of the ligand 5-BA, the base peaks at 138.33 amu ascribable to the fragment  $[C_7H_5NO_2]^+$ . The m/z value of each fragment agree with the calculated value in Schiff base ligand and its metal chelates.

Table 5: Mass fragmentation of metal chelates and Schiff base ligand

Compound	Possible	m/z value	
	Fragments	Calculated	Found
5-BA	$[C_7H_5O_3Br]^+$	217.02	217.3
		157.11	138.33
La-5BA	$[C_7H_3OBrLa]^+$ $[C_7HBrLa]^+$	321.91 303.89	320.34 302.3
Ce-5BA	$\begin{tabular}{lllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	320.14 303.0 172.00	320.34 302.3 173.42
Sm-5BA	$\begin{array}{l} [C_6H_6NSm]^+ \\ [C_4H_4Sm]^+ \end{array}$	242.0 202.3	242 203.5

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The Schiff base ligand is structurally confirmed by IR, CHN analysis and also by mass spectra. The mass spectrum of Schiff base is shown in the figure 03. The base peak is observed at m/z 138.33 corresponds to the molecular ion of the ligand. The observed possible fragmentations are identified in the mass spectrum of Sm chelate (figure 04). In the mass spectrum of Sm-5-BA chelate the molecular peak at 242.0 (m/z) corresponds to the ligand moiety. The possible fragments for all the metal chelates and ligand are shown in table 5 [18].





#### Fig 4: Mass spectrum of Sm-BA Chelate

## **Electronic Spectral Study and Magnetic properties**

The lanthanide metal ions are found primarily in trivalent state. Their magnetic property is determined by 4f electrons, which are well shielded by the outer shells of 6s and 5d electrons. The magnetic moment of solid metal chelates of La<sup>3+</sup>, Ce<sup>3+</sup> and Sm<sup>3+</sup>measured by Gouy's method [19] at room temperature is illustrated in table 4. Lanthanide trivalent ions, in the form of their metal chelates have no or very week absorption in the visible range. The very important characteristics of rare earth ions in absorption spectra are their linear-like behavior. This comes from laporte forbidden f-f transitions where 4f electrons exchange between different 4f energy levels. The 4f orbitals are not so exposed to coordinated ligand molecules as they are inner shell orbitals. Their absorption spectra are very different from d-block compounds. The electronic spectra of Schiff base ligand and metal chelates are illustrated in table 7. The Sm chelate shows absorption in visible region. The UV-visible spectra of Schiff base ligand and its metal chelates were recorded at room temperature

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using DMF as solvent. The absorption of the ligand is characterized by four main absorption bands in the regions 200-400 nm. The band at the 219 nm and 239 nm corresponds to  $\Pi \longrightarrow \Pi^*$  transition state. The band at 345 nm corresponds to the  $\Pi \longrightarrow \Pi^*$  transition state of the azomethine group. The UV spectra of metal chelates show some noticeable changes. These modifications of the shifts and intensity of the absorption band provide confirmation of the coordination of the ligand to the metal ion. The absorption bands around 219 and 345 nm are slightly shifted to the lower frequencies due to chelation. The absorption band around  $\lambda_{max}$ = 340 nm assigned to the  $\Pi \longrightarrow \Pi^*$  transition state of the azomethine group coupled with charge transfer from ligand to central metal ion [20,21].

Table 6: Electronic spectra and Megnatic moment data of metal chelates and Schiff base ligand

Chelate	$\lambda$ (nm)	cm <sup>-1</sup>	Band Assignments	Metal ion	μ (Expt)	Possible
						number of
						unpaired
						electrons
Ligand	345.00	28985.5	$\Pi \longrightarrow \Pi^*$	-	-	-
5BA	263.50	38022.8	n → Π*			
	239.50	41841.0				
	228.50	43859.6				
	219.00	45662.1				
La-5BA	339.00	29498.52	Ligand and C.T.	La <sup>3+</sup>	Diamag-	0
	261.00	38314.17	transitions		netic	
	227.50	44052.86				
	218.00	45871.55				
Ce-5BA	337.50	29673.59	$^{2}F_{5/2} \longrightarrow ^{2}D_{3/2}$	Ce <sup>3+</sup>	2.02	1
	237.00	42194.09	${}^{2}F_{5/2} \longrightarrow {}^{5}D_{5/2}$			
	215.00				59. 1	
Sm-5BA	340.50	29411.7	${}^{4}\text{H}_{5/2} \longrightarrow {}^{6}\text{P}_{7/2}$	Sm <sup>3+</sup>	1.24	5
	389.00	25706.9	${}^{4}\text{H}_{5/2} \longrightarrow {}^{4}\text{P}_{9/2}$			
	214.00					



Fig 5 : Electronic spectra of Metal chelates and Ligand

5 BA, La-5 BA, Ce-5BA, Sm-5BA

#### Possible coordination number of metal chelates

From elemental analysis (C, H, O and metal content), IR, UV and TGA data of Schiff base ligand and their metal chelates of rare earth

metals La(III), Ce(III) and Sm(III) it is concluded that the stoichiometry of metal to ligand in metal chelates is found to be 1:2 which

indicates the ML<sub>2</sub> · 2 H<sub>2</sub>O (M=La(III), Ce(III) and Sm(III)) type structure of all the three metal chelates. From these discussions the

coordination number of metal chelates are shown in table 6.

## Table 10: Coordination numbers and Possible Structures of metal Chelates

Metal chelate	Coordination number of metal chelates in	Usual coordination number of
	the proposed structure	rare earth metal ion*
La-5BA	7	4-8-10
Ce-5BA	7	6-12
Sm-5BA	7	6-12

\* See the reference no [22,23]

Based upon the physicochemical analysis, the probable structures of the three chelates can be shown as below



Fig 7: Ce-chelate [Ce(5BA)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)] 2 H<sub>2</sub>O



Fig 8: Sm-chelate [Sm(5BA)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)] 2 H<sub>2</sub>O

## Activation energy of metal chelates by Broido method

Activation energy (Ea) is related to the thermal stability of the metal chelates. Using kinetic parameters from the TGA curves the Broido method was applied to evaluate the activation energy. The formula to calculate activation energy of degradation reaction and form Broido method is given below:

$$lnln\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) = -\left(\frac{Ea}{R}\right)\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) + constant$$

Where,  $y = \left(\frac{Wt - W\omega}{W0 - W\omega}\right)$ ,

- = Fraction of the number of initial molecules not yet decomposed.
- W<sub>0</sub>=initial weight of sample.
- $W_{t}$  = residual weight of sample at any time t
- $W_{\infty}$  = weight of sample at infinite time
- R = gas constant

From the slope of the plot  $\ln(\ln 1/y) \longrightarrow 1000/T$ , activation energy (Ea) can be calculated as,

 $Ea = -2.303 \times R \times slope$ 







Fig. 9 : Plot of ln(ln(1/y)) 1000/K for La, Ce and Sm Chelates

The calculated activation energies corresponding to temperature, of thermal degradation of rare earth metal chelates are shown in table

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Table 7: Activation energy of metal chelates

Metal chelates	Temperature range	Activation energy (Ea) in kJmol <sup>-1</sup>
La-5BA	51°C to 81°C	82.34
Ce-5BA	51°C to 61°C	82.25
Sm-5BA	56°C to 141°C	41.02

The activation energy of thermal degradation of lanthanum, cerium and samarium chelates were found to be 82.34 kJmol<sup>-1</sup>, 82.25 kJmol<sup>-1</sup>

# <sup>1</sup> and 50.61 kJmol<sup>-1</sup>. The higher value of activation energy reflects the thermal stability of the metal chelates [24,25].

### Kinetic study

Metal chelates have been utilized in many chemical kinetic reactions as they play significant role as catalysts in these reactions. Three second order redox reactions, potassium bromate with potassium iodide, potassium persulphate with potassium iodide and hydrogen peroxide with potassium iodide were selected to study catalytic effect of rare earth metal chelates.

 $KBrO_3 + 6KI + 6HCl \longrightarrow KBr + 6KCl + 3H_2O + 3I_2$ 

$$K_2S_2O_8 + 2KI \longrightarrow 2K_2SO_4 + I_2$$

$$H_2O_2 + 2KI + H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow K_2SO_4 + I_2 + 2H_2O$$

To study the catalytic effect of metal chelates all of the above reactions were carried out in two ways, with and without addition of metal chelates of La, Ce and Sm. Out of three metal chelates, cerium and samarium chelates were able to increase the rate of reaction between  $K_2S_2O_8$  and KI while the lanthanum chelate shows no effect on rate of reaction. In the reaction between potassium bromate and potassium iodide the lanthanum chelate increases rate of reaction. In the last reaction all the chelates decreases the rate of reaction except samarium chelate [26,27].

#### Table 8: reaction rate with and without chelates

Kinetic reactions	$KBrO_3 + KI + HCl$	$K_2S_2O_8 + KI$	$H_2O_2 + KI + H_2SO_4$
k without chelates	6.98 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.0017 ×10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.914 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>
K with La-5BA	$8.7 \times 10^{-4}$	3.0037 ×10 <sup>-5</sup>	$3.88 \times 10^{-4}$
K with Ce-5BA	6.19 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.11×10 <sup>-5</sup>	$3.36 \times 10^{-4}$
K with Sm-5BA	$6.60 \times 10^{-4}$	3.022 ×10 <sup>-5</sup>	4.13 ×10 <sup>-</sup>
% increase in reaction rate at 306	25.27 %	0.046 %	-1.89 %
K La-5BA			
% increase in reaction rate at 306	-11.25 %	3.66 %	-7.02 %
K Ce-5BA			
% increase in reaction rate at 306	-5.28 %	0.657 %	5.64 %
K Sm-5BA			

### Catalytic study of metal chelates for an organic reaction

Metal chelates have been reported to accelerate the rate of reaction as well as the amount of yield in organic synthesis reactions in a specific time period. All the metal chelates were applied to observe catalysis, to an organic synthesis reaction of diketo piperazine from glycine. Diketopiperazine shows medicinal applications and used as a drug in pharmaceutical industries [28,29]. Hence its synthesis is selected for catalytic study [30].



Figure: 06 syntheses of Diketopiperazine

The yield is 42.88% (8.1 gm); m.p. is 310-312 °C. This reaction was performed with same conditions and parameters with and without synthesized metal chelates for 30 minutes. Without catalysts the reaction was carried out for 30 minutes and the yield was found to be 41.29% (7.8 gm). The same reaction was performed with addition of 1% catalytic amount of chelates. The results are listed in Table 9. The % yield and % increase in the yield for catalyzed reactions as shown in the Table 9. From comparison to noncatalysed reaction, about 4.93 % increase was observed in case of lanthanum and cerium chelates showed increase of yield 1.2 % and 9.87 % increase in yield was observed in case of samarium chelate-catalyzed reaction.

Table 9: % yield and % increase of yield with and without chelates in 30 minutes reaction procedure

% yield	% yield with	% yield with	% yield with	% increase of	% increase of	% increase of
without	La-5BA	Ce-5BA	Sm-5BA	yield in	yield in	yield in
chelate	(30 minutes)	(30 minutes)	(30 minutes)	presence of	presence of	presence of
(30 minutes)				La-5BA	Ce-5BA	Sm-5BA
42.88%	45.01	43.41	47.11	4.93	1.2	9.87

## Antimicrobial study

The anti-bacterial activity of the Schiff base ligand 5BA and its metal chelates of La, Ce and Sm was carried out against some bacterial spices such as gram-positive bacteria (B. cereus, B. subtilis) and gram- negative bacteria (P. aeruginosa, E. coli). Their antibacterial activity was compared with standard (Ciprofloxacin) using agar well diffusion method. As the concentration of sample increases the antibacterial activity increases. The Schiff base ligand was observed to be biologically active because it contains halogen group in its

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structure. It was observed that metal chelates of this Schiff base are more biologically active than that of ligand due to chelation. Ce-5BA was found to have increased antibacterial activity than free ligand against all the bacterial spices. Sm-5BA showed higher antibacterial activity against E. coli and P. aeruginosa. La-5BA showed lower antibacterial activity than schiff base ligand and also compared to Ce-5BA and Sm-5BA.

Culture	Concentration		,	Zone of inhibition	on (mm)	
	µg/ml	Ligand	La-5BA	Ce-5BA	Sm-5BA	Ciprofloxacin
		5-BA				-
Bacillus Subtilis	100	-	-	+	-	+++
(Gram Positive)	200	+	-	+	-	+++
	300	+	-	+++	+	+++
	400	++	+	+++	+	+++
Staphylococcus	100	-	-	-	-	+++
aureus (Gram	200	+	-	+	-	+++
Positive)	300	++	+	++	+	+++
	400	++	+	+++	+	+++
Escherichiaoli	100			+	-	+++
(Gram	200	+	-	+	+	+++
Negative)	300	+	+	++	++	+++
	400	++	+	++	++	+++
Pseudomonas	100	-	-	+	-	+++
aeruginosa	200	+	+	++	+	+++
(Gram	300	++	+	++	++	+++
Negative)	400	++	++	++	+++	+++

Table 9: Results of comparison of antibacterial activity of ligand and metal chelates with Ciprofloxacin

Inhibition zone diameter in mm:  $- = \langle 6 \rangle$  (inactive);  $+ = 6-10 \rangle$  (less active);  $+ + = 10-14 \rangle$  (moderately active);  $++ = 14 \rangle$  (highly active).

#### Conclusion

From elemental analysis (C, H, O and metal content), IR, UV, molar conductance, mass spectra, magnetic susceptibility and TGA data, the structures of Schiff base ligand and its metal chelates of rare earth metals La(III), Ce(III) and Sm(III) have been determined. The Schiff base was synthesized from 5-bromosalicylaldehyde and anthranilic acid. It is observed that the stoichiometry of metal to ligand in metal chelates is found to be 1:2 indicates the  $ML_2 \cdot 2 H_2O$  (M=La(III), Ce(III) and Sm(III) type structure of all the three metal chelates. For catalytic study of metal chelates, three well known second order reactions have been studied. Chelates of samarium and cerium showed increased rate of reaction between potassium persulphate and potassium iodide. In organic synthesis reaction of glycine, the metal chelates significantly increased the percentage yield by 1.2% to 9.8%. From thermal degradation of metal chelates the activation energy was also evaluated using Broido method which indicates good thermal stabilities. The antibacterial property of Schiff base was compared with its metal chelates. The comparative study indicates that the chelates are biologically more active than the parent Schiff base compound. The Sm-5BA showed good antibacterial activity compared with the other compounds.

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