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## SYNTHESIS AND ANTIBACTERIAL SCREENING OF FIVE NEW AZOMETHINE DERIVATIVES OF 2-AMINO-2-METHYL-1-PROPANOL

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**ABSTRACT:** In this present investigation author reporting the anti-bacterial activity of five new azo methines, namely 2-((1-hydroxy-2-methyl propan-2-ylimino) methyl)-6-methoxyphenol (AZM<sub>1</sub>), 4-((1-hydroxy-2- methyl propan-2-ylimino) methyl)-6-methoxyphenol (AZM<sub>2</sub>), 4-((1-hydroxy-2-methyl propan-2-ylimino) methyl)-2,6-dimethoxy phenol (AZM<sub>3</sub>), 2- (3, 4- dimethoxybenzylideneamino)- 2- methylpropan-1-ol (AZM<sub>4</sub>) and 2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylideneamino)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (AZM<sub>5</sub>) against and *Bacillus thuringiensis*, *E. coli* bacteria. All new five novel Azomethines were synthesized by the condensation of 2-Amino-2-Methyl-1-Propanol with 2- Hydroxy- 3- methoxybenzaldehyde, 4-Hydroxy- 3- Methoxy-Benzaldehyde, 4- Hydroxy- 3, 5- Dimethoxy Benzaldehyde, 3,4-Dimethoxy Benzaldehyde and 3, 4, 5-Trimethoxy Benzaldehyde respectively, in methanol-water (1:1 ratio) at 42 °C for 8 h. All the azomethines were characterized by UV, IR and thermal elemental analyzer. Anti-bacterial studies were carried out by using Paper disc diffusion method, beef extract is used as bacterial source, chloromphenicol and ketocanazole used as reference standards, five azomethines gave the following order of antibacterial activity and order of zone of inhibition was AZM<sub>5</sub> (12mm) > AZM<sub>4</sub> (7mm) > AZM<sub>3</sub> (10mm) > AZM<sub>1</sub> (9mm) > AZM<sub>2</sub> (8mm) against *E. coli* and AZM<sub>5</sub> (11mm) > AZM<sub>4</sub> (10mm) > AZM<sub>3</sub> (9mm) > AZM<sub>1</sub> (7mm) > AZM<sub>2</sub> (6mm) against *Bacillus thuringiensis*.

**INTRODUCTION:** The condensation products of carbonyl compounds and primary amines are often named as Schiff bases. They are also known as Azomethines or anils or imines. The condensation of primary amines with carbonyl compounds was first reported by Schiff <sup>1</sup>.

On perusal of literature, the survey revealed that the azomethines have got extensive applications in Biological, Industrial and Pharmaceutical fields. Complexes with bidentate azomethines (Schiff bases) were reported to possess biocide activity against bacteria and fungi <sup>2</sup>.

Sing and his co-workers synthesized some boran complexes with Schiff bases and studied the antifungal and antibacterial activity <sup>3</sup>. Schiff bases derived from the condensed product of methyl cyclopropyl ketone' and di alkyl phosphates showed aphicidal activity <sup>4</sup>. The twenty-six thiazole Schiff base derivatives prepared Synthesized by

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Mahapatra showed antifungal activity against *curvularia* Species<sup>5</sup>. The antifungal property of some nickel-Schiff base complexes was studied and the complexes were more active than the free ligands against all the fungi tested<sup>6</sup>. Fifteen Transition metal with three different Schiff bases have been synthesized and screened against some fungal Pathogens and among these Cu [II] and Co [II] complexes with benzil-touldine ligand showed high fungi toxic result<sup>7</sup>. Schiff base derived from 5 nitro and 3-chloro salicylaldehyde and their complexes with Mn [II], Fe [III], Co[II]Ni[II] and Cu[II] have been studied for fungicidal activity using the growth method<sup>8, 9</sup>. Fluorination on the

aldehyde part of the molecule enhanced the insecticidal activity when compared to fluorination of amine part<sup>10</sup> Schiff base obtained from tris and glyoxal was studied for its pesticidal activity by Nicolae *et al.*<sup>11</sup> Quinoline exhibits antipyretic activity, although it is too toxic in nature for use in therapy, efforts were made to prepare non-toxic compounds to replace the expensive Quinine. Nevertheless, several quinine Schiff base complexes possessing antipyretic activity have been synthesized but they failed to exhibit antimalarial action which was a characteristic property of quinine although it is too toxic in nature for used therapy.

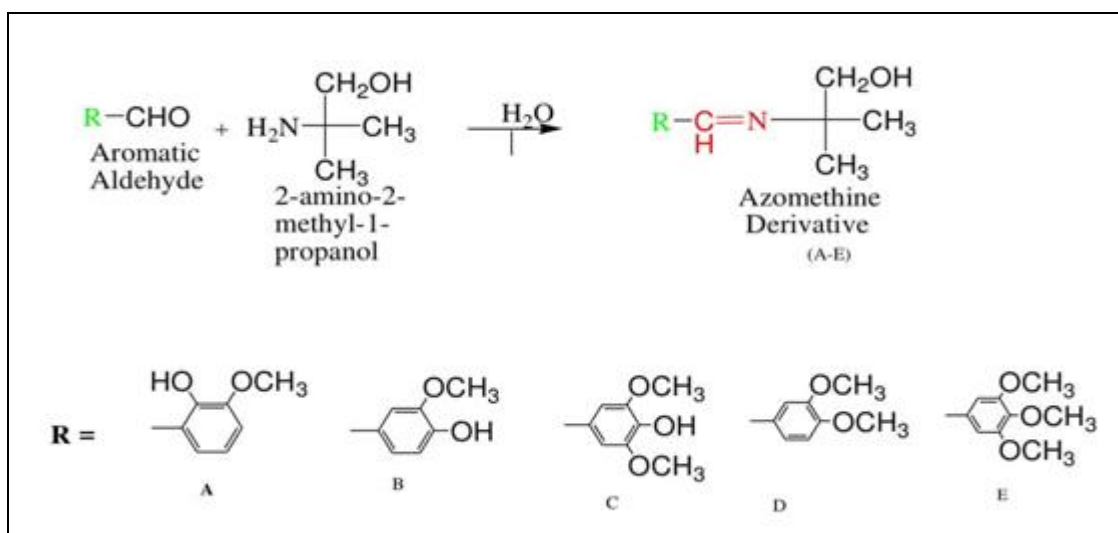


FIG. 1: SYNTHESIS OF NEW AZOMETHINE DERIVATIVES

**2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol:** Alkanolamines are chemical compounds that contain both hydroxyl (-OH) and amino (-NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHR, and -NR<sub>2</sub>) functional groups on an alkane backbone<sup>12</sup>. Literature Survey revealed that not much work has been carried out in establishing the complexing ability of AMP towards metal ions. Metal-AMP complexes were found to wide range applications in biological fields. Metal complexes prepared by the reaction of tetrachloroaurate with AMP in aqueous media were recommended as anti-tumor agents<sup>13</sup> Werner coordination complexes<sup>14</sup> synthesized by reacting benzotriazoles with a mono epoxide afforded mixture of 1-and2-hydroxy alky benzotriazoles and etherifying the mixture with an alkaline succinic anhydride to form a monoester and its salts were prepared with metals selected from IB, IIB, IVB. And VII of the periodic table and complexing these salts with AMP form chelate complexes and they found to exhibit moderate antifungal activity.

The NI [II] complexes with AMP and other alkanolamines have been synthesized and screened for antifungal activity<sup>15</sup>. The zinc [II] and Copper [II] complexes of AMP were synthesized and found to exhibit good antifungal activity<sup>16,17</sup>.

#### EXPERIMENTAL METHODS:

**Synthesis of Azomethines:** All the chemicals used were analytical grade, bought from Raju chemicals in Ananthapur. India. Aromatic aldehyde (2-hydroxy- 3- methoxybenzaldehyde, 4- hydroxy-methoxybenzaldehyde, 4-hydroxy 3, 5 dimethoxybenzaldehyde, 3, 4 dimethoxybenzaldehyde, 3, 4, 5- Trimethoxy –benzaldehyde) was added to a mixture of 50 ml of methanol and 2-Amino-2-methyl-1-propanol(AMP) (5 ml; 0.05 mole) and 50 ml of distilled water. The reaction mixture was taken in a clean 250 ml round bottom flask and stirred well with a magnetic stirrer. Then it was refluxed for 8 h.

A Bright yellow [AZM<sub>1</sub>] and [AZM<sub>2</sub>] buff [AZM<sub>3</sub>], colorless [AZM<sub>4</sub>], yellow [AZM<sub>5</sub>] colored products were formed. These were separated by filtration and washed several times with hot water and methanol and dried in vacuum. The compounds were recrystallized from methanol.

All five new azomethines were characterized by UV spectroscopy, dimethylformamide used as solvent and thermal elemental analyzer in the department of chemistry. S.K. University. Ananthapuram. Thermo Nicolet nexus 670 IR spectrometer with DTGC detector in IICT-HYD.

**Anti Bacterial Screening:** Disc diffusion method of antimicrobial screening of newly synthesized azo methines AZM<sub>1</sub>, AZM<sub>2</sub>, AZM<sub>3</sub>, AZM<sub>4</sub>, AZM<sub>5</sub> were studied against bacteria by following procedures employed by Ganamanickam<sup>18</sup> et al.

**Material Required:** Peptone, beef extract, NaCl. Agar, Petri plates, Hot air oven, Autoclave (fazal engineering works), Sterilized pipettes and filter paper.

**Medium:** The medium used for testing was a nutrient agar medium. The medium was prepared by dissolving peptone-5g, Beef extract-3g, NaCl-5gm, agar-15gm in 1 liter of distilled water. The contents were mixed thoroughly. The pH was adjusted to 7.4-7.6. The medium was sterilized in the autoclave at 15 lbs. per Sq. inch pressure for 15 min.

**Inoculums Preparation:** The inoculums were prepared by picking up five to ten colonies bacilli and *E. coli* with a loop. The colonies were suspended in a nutrient broth and incubated at 37 °C for 3 to 4 h.

**Disc Preparations:** What man filter paper No.1 was taken and discs of 6 mm in diameter were punched with a puncher. The filter paper discs were sterilized in a hot air oven. The sterilized paper discs are soaked in 5 ml of methanol containing known concentration (150 ug/ml) of the samples AZM<sub>1</sub>, AZM<sub>2</sub>, AZM<sub>3</sub>, AZM<sub>4</sub>, AZM<sub>5</sub> for 2-3 min. The discs were allowed to dry for solvent and they get evaporated from the paper discs.

**Maintenance and Sterility:** All the required apparatus were sterilized before use and every

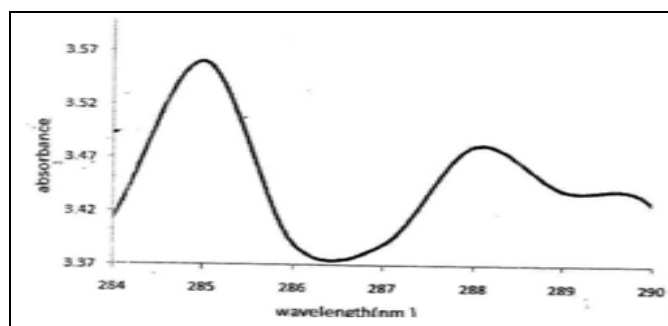
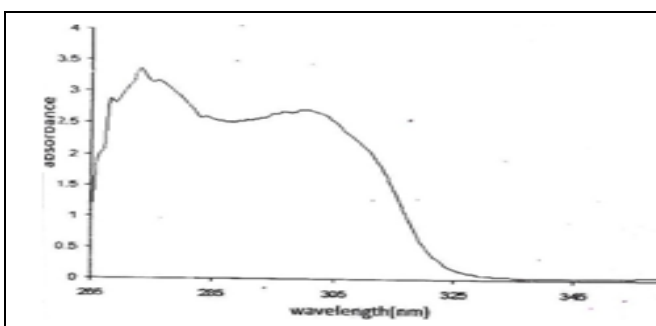
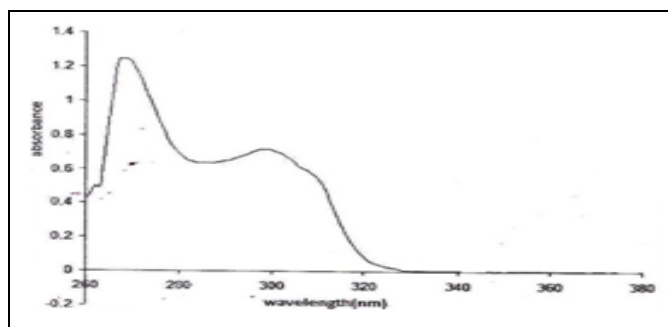
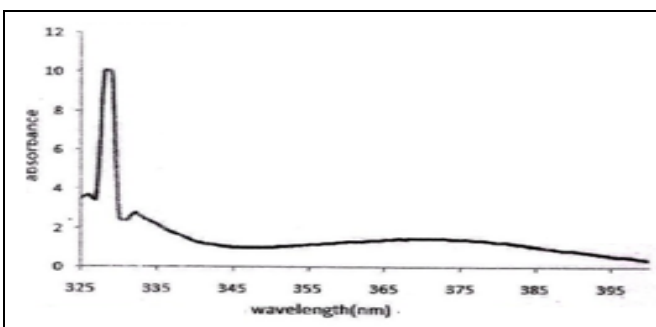
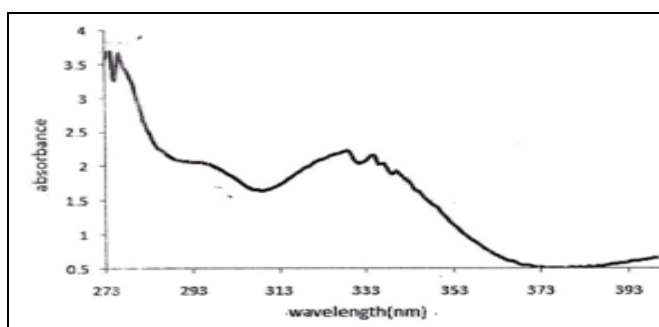
reasonable Precaution was observed to avoid contamination throughout the operation.

**Procedure of Testing:** Sterilized nutrient agar medium 15-20 ml was poured into sterile Petri plates of the same size in aseptic conditions. The medium was allowed to solidify the bacterial Culture was spread uniformly on the surface of nutrient agar medium with sterile cotton swabs.

The Paper discs soaked with a solution of known concentration of the desired Schiff base metal complex and they were placed under aseptic conditions at a particular distance in each per plates, containing known bacterial suspension. The Petri dishes were labeled with the compound and then incubated at 37 °C for 24 h of incubation. The latch Petri plate was observed for bacterial growth and the zone of inhibition of bacterial growth in each Petri plate was measured. The discs Soaked with the respective solvents of test solutions were used as controls. The zone of inhibition of bacterial growth in the Petri plates under examination was measured. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was measured by taking 150 ug/ml of the test sample for antibacterial studies.

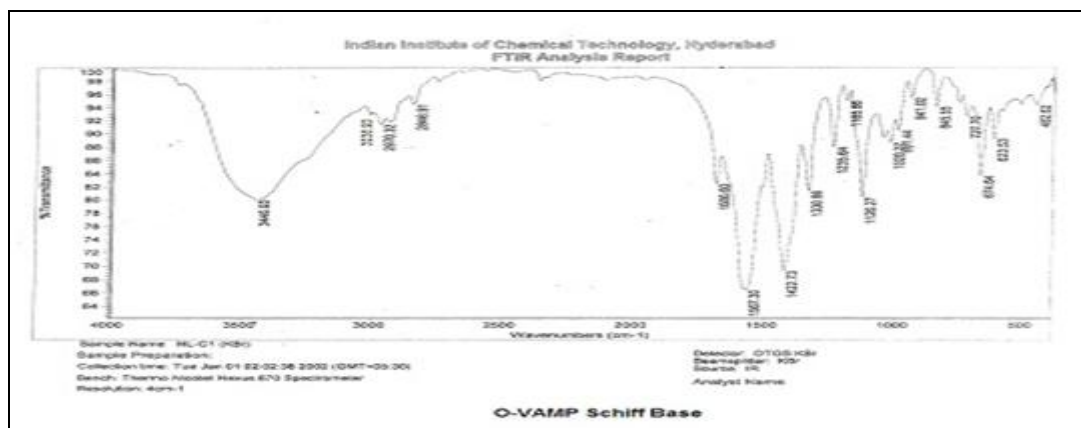
**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:** Electronic spectra of the AZM<sub>1</sub> in UV region show an intense band at 285 nm and weaker band at 288 nm which were assigned to the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  Transitions respectively. Electronic spectra of the AZM<sub>2</sub> in UV region show an intense band at 275 nm and weaker band at 280 nm which are assigned to the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  Transitions respectively. Electronic spectra of the AZM<sub>3</sub> Schiff base in UV region show an intense band at 270 nm and weaker band at 290 nm which are assigned to the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  Transitions respectively. Electronic spectra of the AZM<sub>4</sub> Schiff base in UV region show an intense band at 328 nm and weaker band at 332 nm which are assigned to the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  Transitions respectively. Electronic spectra of the AZM<sub>5</sub> Schiff base in UV region show an intense band at 275 nm and weaker band at 323 nm which are assigned to the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  Transitions respectively.

Fig. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 shows the electronic spectral data of other newly synthesized azomethine.

FIG. 2: ELECTRONIC SPECTRA OF AZM<sub>1</sub>FIG. 3: ELECTRONIC SPECTRA OF AZM<sub>2</sub>FIG. 4: ELECTRONIC SPECTRA OF AZM<sub>3</sub>FIG. 5: ELECTRONIC SPECTRA OF AZM<sub>4</sub>FIG. 6: ELECTRONIC SPECTRA OF AZM<sub>5</sub>

**Interpretation of IR data of Newly Synthesized Schiff Bases:** The IR spectra of newly synthesized azomethines were recorded in KBr Palette in the IR range of 4000-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and IR data establishes the Molecular structure of AZM<sub>1</sub>. 3446  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (intra molecular H- bonding), 3036  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (Ar-H, stretching), 2846  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (Aliphatic C-H stretching),

1686  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $>\text{C}=\text{N}$  stretching), 1235  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C-O stretching vibrations of Alcohol / Phenol). The IR spectra was shown in **Fig. 7**. The IR data of other Novel azomethines, AZM<sub>2</sub>, AZM<sub>3</sub>, AZM<sub>4</sub>, AZM<sub>5</sub> was depicted in **Table 2**. IR spectra were detected in **Fig. 8, 9, 10, 11**.

FIG. 7: VIBRATIONAL SPECTRA OF AZM<sub>1</sub>



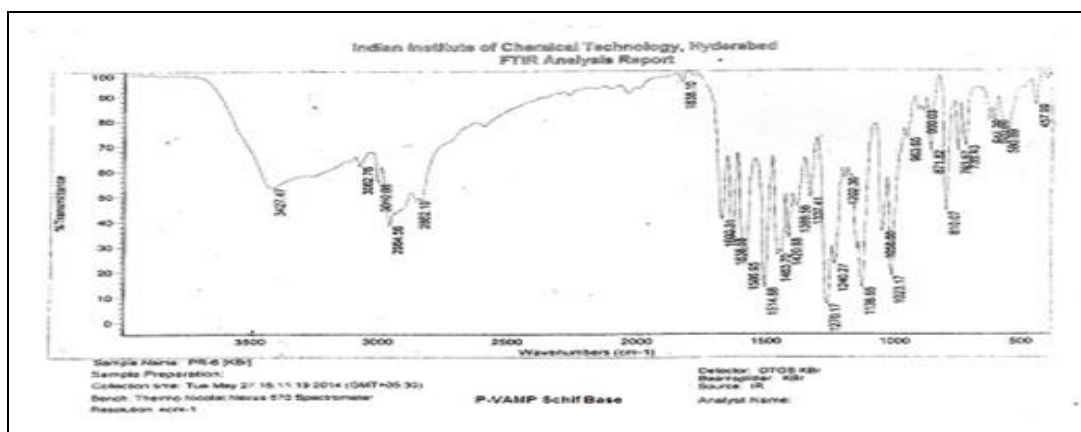


FIG. 8: VIBRATIONAL SPECTRA OF AZM<sub>2</sub>

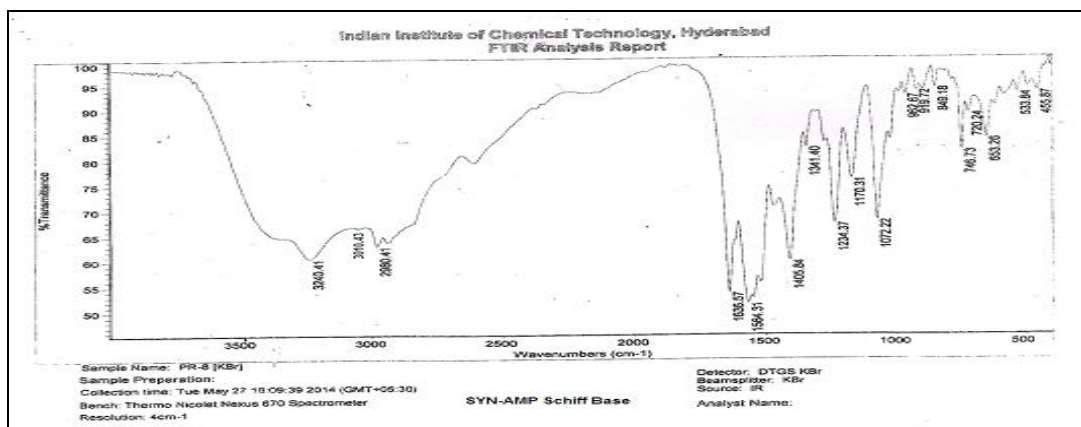


FIG. 9: VIBRATIONAL SPECTRA OF AZM<sub>3</sub>

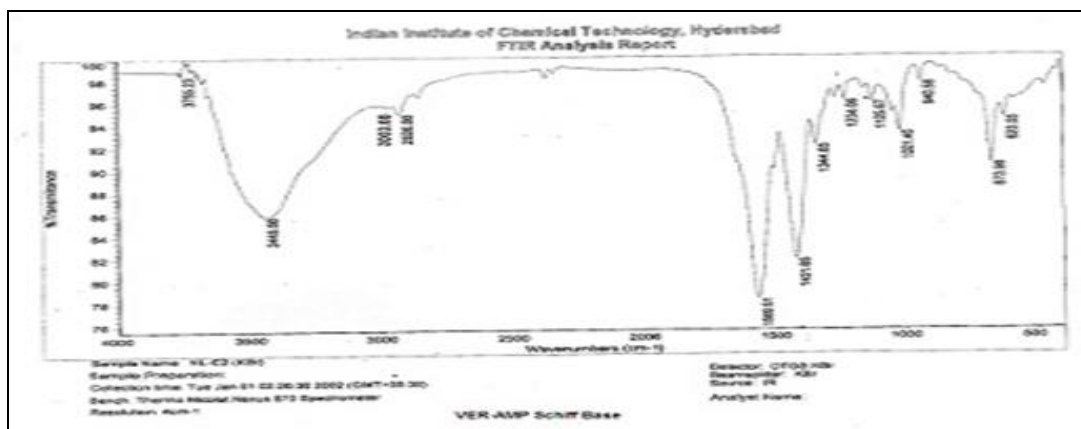


FIG. 10: VIBRATIONAL SPECTRA OF AZM<sub>4</sub>

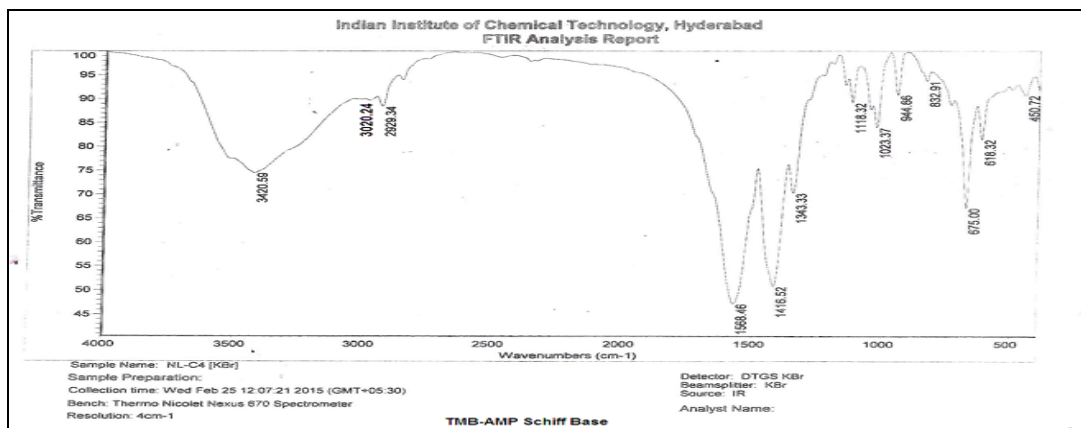


FIG. 11: VIBRATIONAL SPECTRA OF AZM<sub>5</sub>

**TABLE 1: IR SPECTRAL DATA OF AZO METHINES**

AZOMETHINES	$\nu$ , $\text{cm}^{-1}$			
	-OH ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	Ar-H ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	Aliphatic C-H ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	>C=N ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
AZM <sub>1</sub>	3446	3036	2846	1686
AZM <sub>2</sub>	3427	3082	2964	1680
AZM <sub>3</sub>	3240	3010	2980	1636
AZM <sub>4</sub>	3446	3003	2926	1569
AZM <sub>5</sub>	3420	3020	2929	1568

**TABLE 2: ANALYTICAL DATA OF FIVE NEW AZOMETHINES**

Schiff Base	Molecular Formula	M. Wt	Colour	M.P °C	Elemental Analysis						Yield
					Carbon %		Hydrogen %		Nitrogen %		
					Found	calc	Found	calc	Found	calc	
AZM <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	223	Yellow	160-162	64.44	64.49	7.58	7.61	6.23	6.27	80%
AZM <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	223	Bright Yellow	194-197	64.44	64.49	7.58	7.61	6.23	6.27	75%
AZM <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	253	Buff	80-84	61.61	61.66	7.47	7.4	5.49	5.53	65%
AZM <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>19</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	237	Colorless	102-104	65.77	65.82	7.98	8.01	5.05	5.09	70%
AZM <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>21</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	267	Light Yellow	82-84	62.85	62.9	7.83	7.86	5.21	5.24	65%

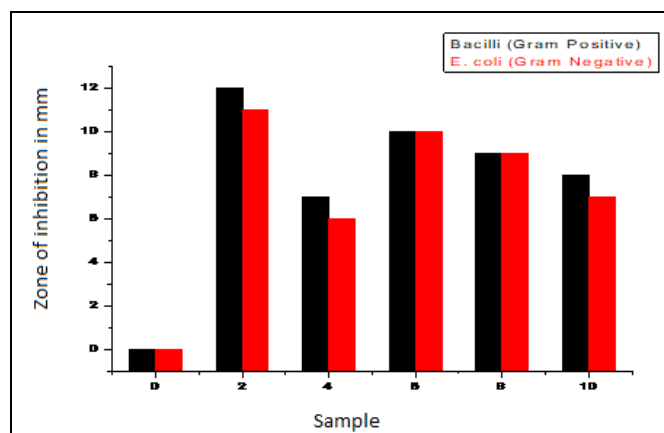
The anti-bacterial activity of 2-((1-hydroxy-2-methylpropan-2-ylimino)methyl)-6-methoxyphenol (AZM<sub>1</sub>), 4-((1-hydroxy-2-methylpropan-2-ylimino)methyl)-6-methoxyphenol (AZM<sub>2</sub>), 4-((1-hydroxy-2-methylpropan-2-ylimino)methyl)-2,6-dimethoxyphenol (AZM<sub>3</sub>), 2-(3,4-dimethoxybenzylideneamino)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (AZM<sub>4</sub>) and 2-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylideneamino)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (AZM<sub>5</sub>) were studied against Bacilli (gram positive) and *E. coli* (gram negative) bacteria.

The antibacterial studies were carried out using the chloramphenicol and ketocanazole as reference standards. The results pertaining to the antibacterial activity of azomethines against gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria was presented in the **Table 3** and the zone of inhibition of azomethines was demonstrated in **Plate 1** and **Plate 2**.

The experimental results on antibacterial studies revealed that all azo azmethines under present investigations exhibit good antibacterial activity. The order of azoethines activity was AZM<sub>5</sub> (12mm) > AZM<sub>4</sub> (7mm) > AZM<sub>3</sub> (10mm) > AZM<sub>1</sub> (9mm) > AZM<sub>2</sub> (8mm) against *E. coli* and AZM<sub>5</sub> (11mm) > AZM<sub>4</sub> (10mm) > AZM<sub>3</sub> (9mm) > AZM<sub>1</sub> (7mm) > AZM<sub>2</sub> (6mm) against bacilli, from this data it was cleared that as the methoxy content on benzene ring increases the antimicrobial activity also increases.

**TABLE 3: ANTI-BACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF SCHIFF BASES DERIVED FROM AMP**

S. no.	Sample	Zone of Inhibition in mm	
		<i>Bacillus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>
	DMSO (Center)	00	00
1	AZM <sub>1</sub>	08	07
2	AZM <sub>2</sub>	07	06
3	AZM <sub>3</sub>	10	10
4	AZM <sub>4</sub>	09	09
5	AZM <sub>5</sub>	12	11

**FIG. 12: ANTI-BACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF (0) DMSO (2) AZM<sub>5</sub> (4) AZM<sub>2</sub> (3) AZM<sub>3</sub> (6) AZM<sub>4</sub> (5) AZM<sub>1</sub> AGAINST BACILLUS AND ESCHERICHIA COLI**



**PLATE 1: ANTI-BACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF (1) AZM<sub>1</sub> (2) AZM<sub>2</sub> (3) AZM<sub>3</sub> (4) AZM<sub>4</sub> (5) AZM<sub>5</sub> AGAINST *BACILLUS THURINGIENSIS***



**PLATE 2: ANTI-BACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF (1) TMB-AMP (2) P-VAMP (3) VER-AMP (4) SYN-AMP (5) O-VAMP AGAINST *ESCHERICHIA COLI***

**CONCLUSION:** Five newly synthesized azo azomethines of 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol were a new addition to literature, these five azo methines under present investigations exhibit good antibacterial activity. As the methoxy moiety on aromatic ring increases the antibacterial activity was increases.

The order of azomethine activity was AZM<sub>5</sub> (12mm) > AZM<sub>4</sub> (7mm) > AZM<sub>3</sub> (10mm) > AZM<sub>1</sub> (9mm) > AZM<sub>2</sub> (8mm) against *E. coli* and AZM<sub>5</sub> (11mm) > AZM<sub>4</sub> (10mm) > AZM<sub>3</sub> (9mm) > AZM<sub>1</sub> (7mm) > AZM<sub>2</sub> (6mm) against bacilli. We hope that this present investigation is more helpful to the invention of new drugs against bacteria.

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