

**Antibacterial, cytotoxic studies and characterization of some newly synthesized symmetrical N 3, N 3' -bis(disubstituted)isophthalyl- bis(thioureas) and their Cu(II) and Ni(II) complexes**

**ABSTRACT**

A series of some novel , -bis(disubstituted)isophthalyl-bis(thioureas) compounds with general formula  $[C_6H_4 \{CONHCSNHR\}_2]$ , where R = 2-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>S (L1), 3,5-(Cl)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub> (L2), 2,4-(Cl)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub> (L3), 2,5-(Cl)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub> (L4), and 2-NH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (L5), and their Cu(II) and Ni(II) complexes (C1–C10) have been synthesized. These compounds (L1–L5) and their metal(II) complexes (C1–C10) have been characterized by elemental analysis, infrared spectroscopy, <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy, magnetic moments, and electronic spectral measurements. The ligands are coordinated to metal atom in a bidentate pattern producing a neutral complex of the type [ML]<sub>2</sub>. These compounds (L1–L5) and their metal(II) complexes (C1–C10) were also screened for their antibacterial and cytotoxic activities.

**Keyword:** Thioureas; Antibacterial; Cytotoxic screening.