Dear Prof. Kristl,

Thanks for your comments.

The manuscript has been revised in accord with the suggestions.

Reviewer A:

I have examined that manuscript and, with the assistance of originality checking software, have determined that a significant fraction of texts or sentences was substantially similar to papers already published in the literature.

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I believe that this manuscript requires a major revision before it becomes suitable for the publication in the journal Acta Chimica Slovenica. If the author tried to compare the results obtained with the literature data on shiff base Co(III) complexes, it would significantly increase the manuscript's quality. Given that the work is devoted to the shiff base Co(III) complexes, the introduction should focus in more detail on the consideration of such complexes. Since the complexes are brown, it would be better to give information about the visible spectra of the complexes. It would be much better if the author compared of antimicrobial activity among shiff base Co(III) complexes at least at a qualitative level.

Authors' reply:

The paper has been revised to avoid similarity to the papers already published in the literature. We have compared the results obtained with the literature data on Schiff base Co(III) complexes. In the introduction, we have focused in more detail on the consideration of such complexes.

In visible spectra of the complexes, weak bands are observed at 495-497 nm. The antimicrobial activity among shiff base Co(III) complexes has been compared with other Schiff base complexes.

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Reviewer C:

Comments for the authors:

The manuscript describes the synthesis, characterisation, crystal structure

and anti microbial study of two Cobalt complexes.

1. The introduction is too short, There is no correlation as to why the

author have done such type of work. So, rewrite the introduction with the

aim, as why this study is carried out. Add some references also.

2. Why the peaks at 380-390 nm in Uv-vis spectra are described as charge

transfer transition? It is not addressed. Clear this point with reference.

3.In the IR spectra mention the functional group name which is responsible

for the peak at 1190 cm-1.

4. Table 3 is unnecessary in the main text. Remove it to Supplementary

section.

5. The free Schiff base has not been isolated but their antimicrobial values

are mentioned. Either remove their MIC values or give the characterisation

of the ligand.

Authors' reply:

1. The introduction has been revised.

2. The peaks at 380-390 nm in Uv-vis spectra are described as charge transfer transition. This is cleared with the reference [12] “L. Pogány, J. Moncol, M. Gál, I. Šalitroš, R. Boča. Inorg. Chim. Acta 2017, 462, 23-29.”

3.In the IR spectra, the functional group name which is responsible for the peak at 1190 cm-1 is Ar-O bond.

4. Table 3 is removed.

5. The MIC values for the free Schiff base are removed.

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