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Synthesis, antimicrobial activities and structure activity relationship of some dithiocarbazinate, 1,2,4-triazoles and 1,2,4-triazolo[3,4b][1,3,4]thiadiazoles

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ABSTRACT

The reaction of substituted benzoic acid hydrazide with carbon disulfide and potassium hydroxide followed by treatment with hydrazine hydrate afforded 4-amino-5-aryl-4H-1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thiol (**4**). Condensation of (**4**) with various aromatic carboxylic acids in the presence of phosphorus oxy chloride gives 3,6-disubstituted-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4b][1,3,4]thiadiazoles (**5**) and with various arylthiocyanate in the presence of ethanol gives N,3-disubstituted-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazol-6-amine (**6**). The structure of these newly synthesized compounds was characterized by elemental analysis, IR, ¹H NMR studies. All the synthesized compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity against *H.pylori*, *P.aeruginosa*, *E.coli*, *S.aureus* and Methicillin resistant strain (MRSA) and antifungal activity against *A.niger*, *A.foeniculum* and *P.chrysogenum*. Some of the compounds exhibited promising antibacterial and antifungal activities. Most active antifungal compound was **4a** (4-amino-5-phenyl-4H-1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thiol) with MIC (Minimum Inhibitory Concentration) 57.14 µg/ml and Zone of inhibition 14 mm against *A.foeniculum*. Most potent antibacterial compound was **5b** (3-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-phenyl-[1, 2, 4]-triazolo [3, 4-b] [1, 3, 4] thiadiazole) with MIC 10 µg/ml, Zone of inhibition 8 mm against *H.pylori*.

Keywords: Triazoles, Triazolothiadiazoles, Antibacterial Activity, Antifungal Activity.

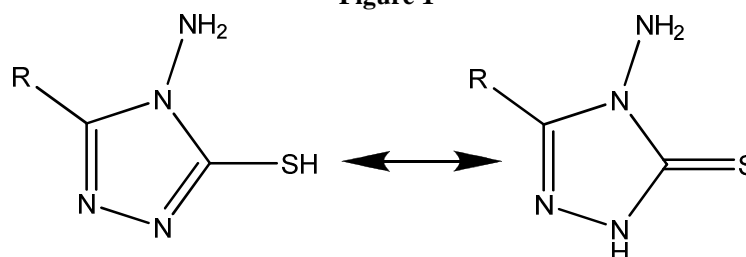
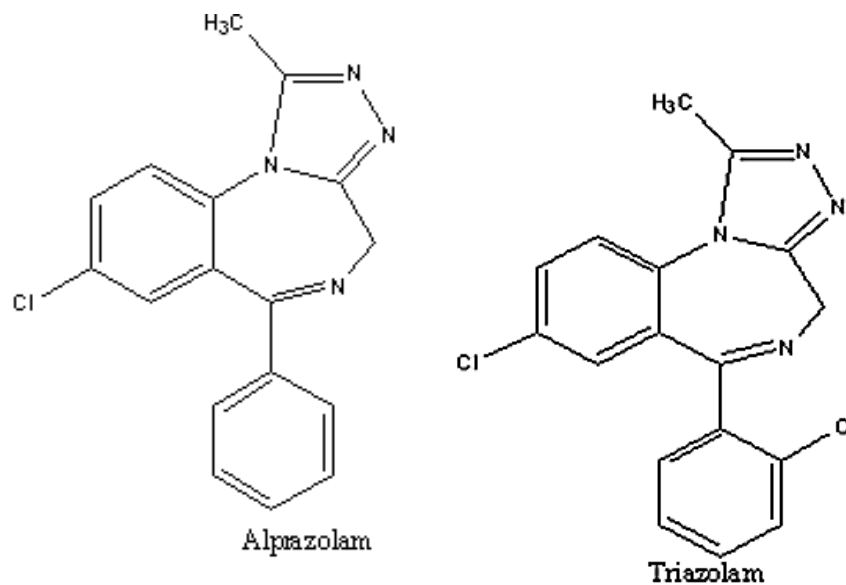
INTRODUCTION

In the last few decades, the chemistry of 1, 2, 4-triazoles and their fused heterocyclic derivatives such as 1, 3, 4-thiadiazoles has received considerable attention because of their synthetic and effective biological importance [1-4]. In addition to N-bridged heterocyclic derivatives derived from triazoles have wide application in medicine [5-7]. 1,2,4-triazole moieties have been incorporated into a wide variety of therapeutically interesting drug candidates including antibacterial, antidepressants, antiviral, antitumor, anti-inflammatory agents, antimicrobials, CNS stimulants, sedatives, anti-anxiety compounds, pesticides, herbicides, lubricating and analytical agents [8-11] and antimycotics such as fluconazole, itraconazole. There are drugs like Alprazolam [12, 13], Triazolam [14] (**Figure 1**) that are in the market.

Among these heterocycles, the mercapto and thione substituted 1, 2, 4-triazole ring systems (**Figure 2**) have been well studied and so far a variety of biological activities have been reported for a large number of their derivatives such as antibacterial [15-20], antifungal [21, 22], antitubercular [23], antimycobacterial [24], anticancer [25, 26], diuretic [27, 28], and antihypoglycemic [29] properties. In addition to these important biological applications, mercapto 1, 2, 4-triazoles are also of great utility in preparative organic chemistry, for example, in the presence of various reagents undergo different types of reactions to yield other heterocyclic compounds, example- thiazolotriazoles,

triazolothiazepines and triazolothiadiazenes. Recently it was reported that the 1, 2, 4-triazolo [3, 4-b] [1, 3, 4] thiadiazoles possess cytotoxic activity [30]. Moreover, the triazolothiadiazoles substituted in the 3 & 6 positions by aryl, alkyl or heterocyclic moiety possess pharmacological activities such as antibacterial [31], anti-inflammatory [32], and herbicidal [33] and anti HIV-1 effects [34].

In the view of the facts mentioned above, we have synthesized some dithiocarbazines, 4-amino-5-arylsubstituted-4H-[1,2,4]triazole-3-thiols and 3,6-(arylsubstituted) -1,2,4-triazolo [3,4-b] [1,3,4]thiadiazoles and screened their antibacterial and antifungal activities and then their SAR was determined. The intermediate dithiocarbazine were also screened to see the effect of cyclization of dithiocarbazine.



MATERIALS AND METHODS

Experimental

Melting points were measured in open capillaries on Jindal melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. The completion of reaction and the purity of the products were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC). Silica gel 60 was used for TLC. The IR spectra were recorded using potassium bromide on Jasco FT-IR 6100 spectrophotometer. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 300 MHz Spectrophotometer in CDCl₃ using TMS (Tetramethylsilane) as an internal standard. Elemental analysis was performed on a CHN-O-rapid elemental analyzer for C, H, N and the results are within ± 0.4% of the theoretical values.

General method of synthesis of aryl benzoates (1a-1b)

To a solution of benzoic acid/ substituted benzoic acid and methanol (equimolar solution), conc. H₂SO₄ was added and refluxed for 2 h. The product obtained was filtered and washed with water and dried and recrystallized from ethanol.

General method of synthesis of arylcarbohydrazide (2a-2b)

Mixture of aryl benzoates (1) and hydrazine hydrate (equimolar solution) in 10 ml of methanol was heated under reflux for 2-3 h. and after cooling solid obtained was collected by filtration. It was washed with methanol, dried and recrystallized from methanol.

General method of synthesis of dithiocarbazines (3a-3b)

Aryl carbohydrazide(2) was treated with a solution of KOH dissolved in 25 ml of methanol at 0-5°C under stirring. Then carbon disulfide was added slowly (in equimolar quantity) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2-3 h. The solid product of potassium dithiocarbazine was filtered, washed with methanol and dried.

General method of synthesis of 4-amino-5-(substituted phenyl)-4H-[1, 2, 4] triazole-3-thiol (4a-4b)

Potassium dithiocarbazine(3) in 10 ml water and hydrazine hydrate (equimolar solution) was refluxed for 2-3 h. During progress of reaction, the reaction mixture was turned to green with evolution of H₂S and finally it becomes homogeneous. It was then diluted with little cold water and acidified with conc. HCl. The precipitate was filtered, washed with cold water and recrystallized from methanol.

General method of synthesis of 3, 6-(substituted phenyl)-[1, 2, 4] triazolo[3, 4-b][1, 3, 4]thiadiazole (5a-5b)

A mixture of (4) and substituted benzoic acid (equimolar solution) in POCl₃(5 ml) was refluxed for 2-3 h. The reaction mixture was slowly poured into crushed ice with stirring and neutralized with solid sodium bicarbonate. Solid material was filtered, washed with cold water, dried and recrystallized from chloroform.

General method of synthesis of N,3(substituted phenyl)-N-phenyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole-6-amine (6a-6b)

A mixture of 4 and aroylthiocyanate (equimolar solution) in 10 ml of ethanol was refluxed for 5-6 h. The product obtained was filtered, washed with water and dried. The crude product was recrystallized with methanol.

Physical properties and Spectral data of target compounds:

Methyl Benzoate (1a): Yield: 90%; M.P.: -12.5°C; FTIR (cm⁻¹): 3030 (aromatic C-H), 1610 (aromatic C=C), 1735 (-COOCH₃). Anal.Calcd. for C₈H₈O₂ (136.15): C, 70.51; H, 5.87. Found: C, 70.11; H, 5.47.

4-nitro methyl benzoate (1b): Yield: 85%; M.P.: 94-98°C; FTIR (cm⁻¹) 3040 (aromatic C-H), 1615 (aromatic C=C), 1736 (-COOCH₃), 1560, 1375 (NO₂). Anal.Calcd. for C₈H₇NO₂ (181.15): C, 52.89; H, 3.85; N, 7.71. Found: C, 52.49; H, 3.45; N, 7.31.

Benzohydrazide(2a): Yield: 80%; M.P.: 112-114°C; FTIR (cm⁻¹) 3300. 3235 (-NH₂), 3038 (aromatic C-H), 1675 (C=O), 1540 (C=C). Anal.Calcd. for C₇H₈N₂O (136.12): C, 61.71; H, 5.87; N, 20.57. Found: C, 61.31; H, 5.47; N, 20.17.

4-nitrobenzhydrazide (2b): Yield: 82%; M.P.: 210-214°C; FTIR (cm⁻¹) 3300. 3235 (-NH₂), 3038 (aromatic C-H), 1675 (C=O), 1540 (C=C), 1560, 1375 (NO₂). Anal.Calcd. for C₇H₇N₃O₃ (181.15): C, 46.28; H, 3.85; N, 23.14. Found: C, 45.88; H, 3.45; N, 22.74.

Potassium 2-benzoyl-N-mercapto hydrazine carbothioamide or Potassium dithiocarbazine of benzohydrazide(3a): Yield: 75%; M.P.: 108-112°C; FTIR (cm⁻¹) ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 8.0 (s, 1H NH sec. amide), δ 2.0 (s.1H, NH amine), δ 7.70-8.03 (m, 5H, phenyl). Anal.Calcd. for C₈H₈N₃OS₂K⁺ (226): C, 42.47; H, 3.53; N, 18.58. Found: C, 42.07; H, 3.13; N, 18.18.

Potassium N-mercapto- 2- (4-nitro benzoyl) hydrazine carbothioamide or Potassium dithiocarbazine of 4-nitrobenzhydrazide(3b): Yield: 80%; M.P.: 208-212°C; FTIR (cm⁻¹) ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 8.0 (s, 1H NH sec. amide), δ 2.0 (s.1H, NH amine), δ 8.11-8.44 (m, 4H, phenyl). Anal.Calcd. for C₈H₇N₃O₃S₂K⁺ (271): C, 35.42; H, 2.58; N, 15.49. Found: C, 35.02; H, 2.18; N, 15.09.

4- amino-5-phenyl-4H-1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thiol (4a) Yield: 60%; M.P.: 193-197; FTIR (cm⁻¹) 3300 (NH₂), 2665 (SH), 1617 (C=N), 964 (N-C=S). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 5.77 (s, 2H, NH amine), δ 13.79 (s, 1H aromatic C-SH), δ 7.41-8.28 (m, 5H phenyl). Anal.Calcd. for C₈H₈N₄S (192): C, 50; H, 4.16; N, 29.16. Found: C, 49.6; H, 3.78; N, 28.76.

4-amino-5-(4-nitro phenyl)-4H-1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thiol (4b) Yield: 75%; M.P.: 78-82°C; FTIR (cm⁻¹) 3300 (NH₂), 2665 (SH), 1615 (C=N), 965 (N-C=S), 1562, 1370 (NO₂). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 5.77 (s, 2H, NH amine), δ 13.79 (s, 1H aromatic C-SH), δ 8.05-8.32 (m, 4H phenyl). Anal.Calcd. for C₈H₇N₄O₂S (223): C, 43.04; H, 3.13; N, 25.11. Found: C, 42.64; H, 2.73; N, 24.71.

3,6-diphenyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole(5a) Yield: 70%; M.P.: 262-265°C; FTIR (cm⁻¹) 3065 (aromatic C-H), 1640 (C=N). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 7.41-8.28 (m, 5H phenyl attached to triazole nucleus), δ 7.41-8.03 (m, 5H phenyl attached to thiadiazole nucleus). Anal.Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₀N₄S (278): C, 64.74; H, 3.59; N, 20.14. Found: C, 64.34; H, 3.19; N, 19.74.

3-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-phenyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole (**5b**) Yield: 55%; M.P.: 238-242°C; FTIR (cm⁻¹) 3060 (aromatic C-H), 1645 (C=N), 1560, 1375 (NO₂). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 8.05-8.32 (m, 4H phenyl attached to triazole nucleus), δ 7.41-8.03 (m, 5H phenyl attached to thiadiazole nucleus). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₈N₄O₂S (308): C, 58.44; H, 2.59; N, 18.18. Found: C, 58.04; H, 2.19; N, 17.78.

N,3-diphenyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazol-6-amine (**6a**) Yield: 80%; M.P.: 192-206°C; FTIR (cm⁻¹) 3065 (aromatic C-H), 1640 (C=N), 3300 (NH). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 4.0 (s, 1H aromatic C-NH), δ 7.41-8.28 (m, 5H phenyl attached to thiadiazole nucleus). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₁N₅S (293): C, 61.43; H, 3.75; N, 23.89. Found: C, 61.03; H, 3.35; N, 23.49.

3-(4-nitrophenyl)-N-phenyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazol-6-amine (**6b**) Yield: 65%; M.P.: 50-54°(d); FTIR (cm⁻¹) 3060 (aromatic C-H), 1645 (C=N), 3300 (NH) 1560, 1375 (NO₂). ¹H NMR (ppm) δ 4.0 (s, 1H aromatic C-NH), δ 8.05-8.32 (m, 4H phenyl attached to triazole nucleus), δ 6.81-7.63 (m, 5H phenyl attached to thiadiazole nucleus). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₉N₆O₂S (337): C, 53.41; H, 2.67; N, 24.92. Found: C, 53.01; H, 2.27; N, 24.42.

Antifungal and Antibacterial Activities

Bacterial and fungal growth inhibition was performed by serial dilution method in nutrient agar (for bacteria) and Sabouraud Dextrose Agar (for fungi) medium. Levofloxacin and Ketoconazole were used as reference standards for bacteria and fungi respectively. Test compounds and standards were dissolved in DMSO (Dimethyl Sulfoxide). The activity was checked at two concentrations, 100 µg/ml and 10 µg/ml. Solution was applied by micropipette on the filter paper disks, placed on the agar plate. The surface of the plate was inoculated with bacteria and fungi. Following incubation for 24 h at 37°C, the inhibition zone around each disk, if any was recorded and the MIC (Minimum inhibitory concentration) was calculated.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

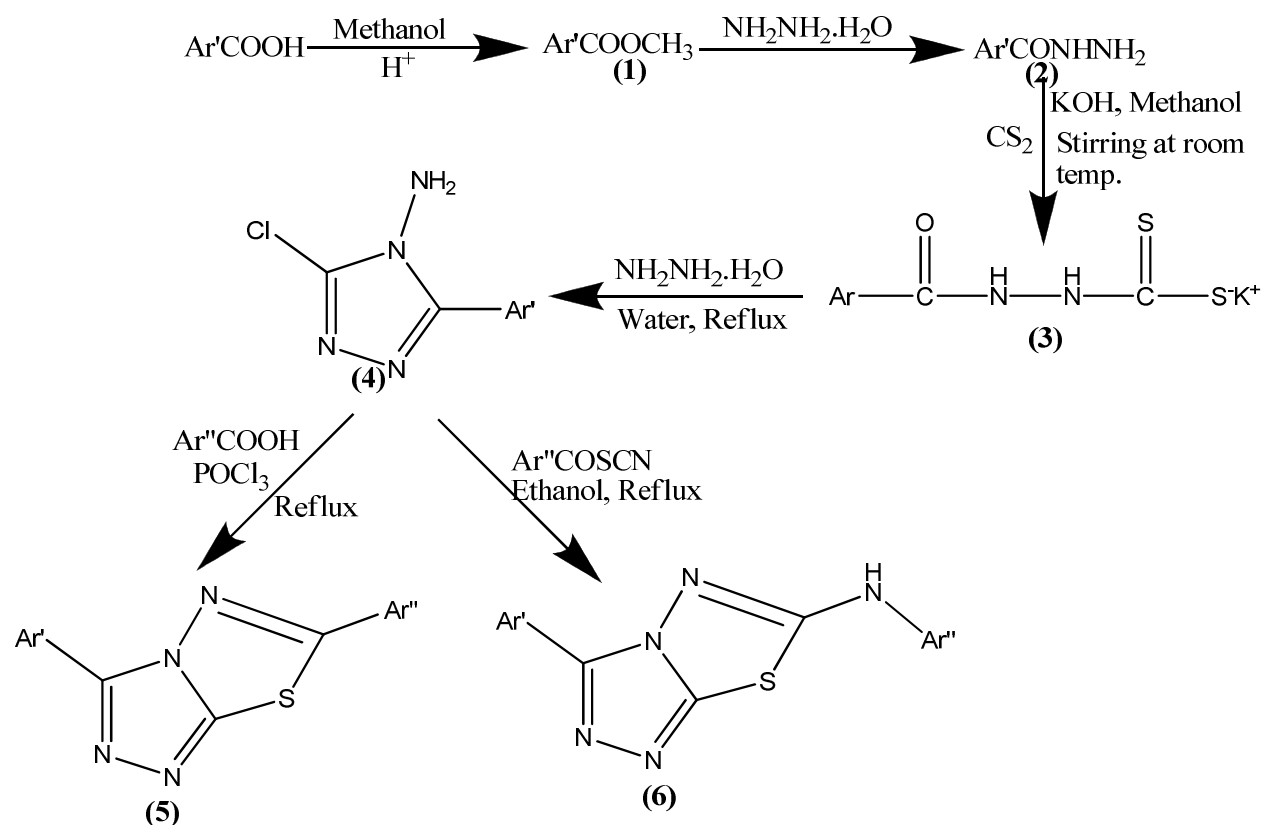
The reaction sequence employed for the synthesis of title compounds are depicted in **Scheme-1**. Esterification of substituted aromatic acids with methanol followed by hydrazinolysis with hydrazine hydrate resulted in compound **2**. The acid hydrazide **2** on reaction with carbon disulfide with methanolic potassium hydroxide affords the corresponding intermediate potassium dithiocarbazinate **3**. The required 4-amino-5-substituted phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol **4** was synthesized by refluxing compound **3** with excess of hydrazine hydrate. Condensation of **4** with various aromatic acids in the presence of phosphorus oxy chloride yielded 3,6-disubstituted-1,2,4-triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole **5a-5b** and with various aroylthiocyanate in ethanol under reflux condition gives N,3-disubstituted-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]-thiadiazol-6-amine **6a-6b**. The structure assignments of new compounds were based on their analytical and spectral data. The IR spectra of the compound **4** showed a characteristic weak absorption band at 2665 cm⁻¹ attributed to SH group, disappeared in the compounds **5a-5b** and **6a-6b** indicated the formation of triazolothiadiazole ring system. Further the ¹H NMR spectra of the synthesized triazoles **4** showed two characteristic broad singlet at δ 13.8 and 5.8, due to SH proton and NH₂ groups respectively. The absence of these absorption due to SH and NH₂ in compounds **5a-5b** and **6a-6b** established that the triazoles had converted to triazole-thiadiazole by reacting with -COOH groups of various acids and with various aroylthiocyanates. In summary all the synthesized compounds exhibited satisfactory spectral data consistent with their structures.

Table 1. Antifungal activity of target compounds

Code	Ar ¹	Ar ²	<i>A.foeniculum</i>	<i>A.niger</i>	<i>P.chrysogenum</i>
			Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) in µg/ml/ Zone of Inhibition		
3a	Phenyl	Phenyl	>100	80/10	>100
3b	4-nitrophenyl	Phenyl	>100	>100	>100
4a	Phenyl	Phenyl	57.14/14	>100	>100
4b	4-nitrophenyl	Phenyl	100/8	>100	>100
5a	Phenyl	Phenyl	>100	>100	>100
5b	4-nitrophenyl	Phenyl	>100	80/10	>100
6a	Phenyl	Phenyl	100/8	>100	>100
6b	4-nitrophenyl	Phenyl	>100	>100	>100
Ketoconazole	-	-	2/10	2.5/8	2/10

All the Synthesized compounds (**3-6**) were screened for their antifungal activity against three fungal strains viz. *Aspergillusfoeniculum*, *Aspergillusniger*, *Penicilliumchrysogenum* in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO).

Scheme 1: Synthesis of target compounds



Ar' = Phenyl, 4-nitrophenyl
Ar'' = Phenyl

Most active compound among all the synthesized compounds is **4a** (4-amino-5-phenyl-4H-1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thiol). This compound inhibited the growth of *A.foeniculum* (MIC 57.14 µg/ml and Zone of inhibition 14 mm) followed by **3a** and **5b** (dithiocarbazinate of benzoic acid hydrazide and 3-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-phenyl-[1,2,4]-triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole). These compounds inhibit the growth of *A.niger* (MIC 80µg/ml and Zone of inhibition 10 mm). Compound **6a** (N,3-diphenyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]-thiadiazole-6-amine) also showed activity against *A.foeniculum* (MIC 100 µg/ml, Zone of inhibition 8 mm.).

From these studies it has been revealed that *A.foeniculum*, on cyclization shows activity and *A. niger* shows activity in both non cyclized and in cyclized form, while *P. chrysogenum* may show activity but only above 100µg/ml.

Table 2. Antibacterial Activity of target compounds

Code	Ar'	Ar''	<i>H.pylori</i>	<i>P.aeruginosa</i>	<i>E.coli</i>	<i>S.aurius</i>	MRSA
			Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) µg/ml/Zone of Inhibition				
3a	Phenyl	Phenyl	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100
3b	4-nitrophenyl	Phenyl	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100
4a	Phenyl	Phenyl	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100
4b	4-nitrophenyl	Phenyl	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100
5a	Phenyl	Phenyl	>100	>100	100/8	>100	>100
5b	4-nitrophenyl	Phenyl	10/8	>100	13.33/6	66.66/12	57.14/14
6a	Phenyl	Phenyl	>100	>100	>100	100/8	>100
6b	4-nitrophenyl	Phenyl	>100	>100	57.14/14	13.33/6	80/10
Levofloxacin	-	-	0.04/18	0.48/13	0.06/12	1.24/10	3.12/8

The antibacterial activity of synthesized compounds (**3-6**) was screened against five bacteria viz. *Helicobacter pylori*, *Pseudomonasaeruginosa*, *Escherichia coli* (Gram -ve strains) and *Staphylococcus aureus* and Methicyclin Resistant Strain (MRSA) bacteria (Gram +ve strains).

The most potent compound was **5b** (3-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-phenyl-[1, 2, 4]-triazolo [3, 4-b] [1, 3, 4] thiadiazole). This compound inhibited the growth of *H.pylori* (MIC 10µg/ml, Zone of inhibition 8mm), *E.coli* (13.33 µg/ml, Zone of

inhibition 6mm), *S.aurius* (MIC 66.66 µg/ml, Zone of inhibition 12mm) and MRSA (MIC 57.14 µg/ml, Zone of inhibition 14mm).

The compound **6b**(3-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-phenyl-[1, 2, 4]-triazolo [3, 4-b] [1, 3, 4] thiadiazol-6-amine) was also showed good antibacterial activity. This compound inhibited the growth of three bacteria viz. *E.coli* (MIC 57.14 µg/ml, Zone of inhibition 14 mm), *S.aureus*(13.33 µg/ml, Zone of inhibition 6mm), MRSA (80 µg/ml and Zone of inhibition 10mm).

Compound **5a** (3,6-diphenyl-[1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole) inhibited activity of a bacteria *E.coli* (MIC 100 µg/ml and Zone of inhibition 8 mm).

From the above studies it has been revealed that triazolothiadiazoles are more potent antibacterial agents than triazoles. And among triazolothiadiazoles compound having nitro substitution at para position of phenyl group (at 3rd position) are more active than the compound having unsubstituted phenyl group.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this study has resulted in new antibacterial and antifungal agents.

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