



Microwave assisted synthesis and pharmacological evaluation of some 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole derivatives

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ABSTRACT

Reaction of isonicotinohydrazide with different aromatic aldehydes under the microwave irradiation gives Schiff's bases. These Schiff's bases were converted into 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole derivatives by treating with acetic anhydride under the microwave irradiation. The structures of the compounds were confirmed by elemental analysis, IR, ¹HNMR and Mass spectral data's. The synthesized compounds were screened for antimicrobial, analgesic and anti-inflammatory activities.

Keywords: Isonicotinohydrazide, microwave irradiation, Silica gel, antibacterial activity, antifungal activity, anti-inflammatory activity, analgesic activity.

INTRODUCTION

Oxadiazole nucleus is continuously drawing interest for development of newer drug moiety. Due to the interesting activity of substituted 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole as biological agent's considerable attention has been focused on this class. Oxadiazole types of heterocyclic compounds contain oxygen and two nitrogen atoms. As evident from the literature, these derivatives are synthesized by both conventional as well as microwave assisted methods. In recent years a significant portion of research work in heterocyclic chemistry has been devoted to 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole containing different aryl groups as substituent's

The pharmaceutical importance of these compounds lies in the fact that they can be effectively utilizing as antibacterial [1-6], anticancer[7], and chitin biosynthesis[8], anticonvulsant agents[9], Monoamineoxidase (MAO) inhibitors[10], anti-inflammatory [11-14] antitubercular[15], insecticidal agents [16] Analgesic [17-18], antiparkinsonian[19] Some of these compounds have also anti-HIV agent [20-21]

The solvent-free organic reactions assisted by microwaves in particular, have gained special attention in recent years [22]. The use of microwave irradiation in organic synthesis can increase the purity of the resulting products, enhance the chemical yield and shorten the reaction time. Solvent-free reaction leads to a clean, eco-friendly and economic technology. Reactions on solid support without using solvent usually with open vessel in domestic microwave ovens are currently in use for synthetic chemist to create eco-friendly atmosphere. [23, 24].

In view of these facts, and in continuation of the interest in the microwave-assisted organic synthesis of 1, 3, 4-oxadiazoles we present herein a rapid and efficient method for the synthesis of 1-(2-(Substituted phenyl)-5-(pyridine- 4-yl)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone in solvent-free conditions under microwave irradiation using silica gel as solid support.

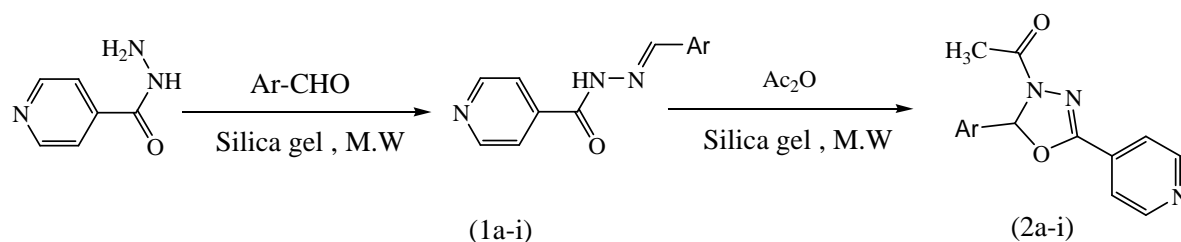
MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without any further purification. All the reactions were carried out in a Modified Microwave oven (Kenstar, model no: OM26.EGO). The progress of the reaction was monitored on percolated silica gel 60 F254 plates (Merck) using ethyl acetate: n-hexane (7:3) as an eluent and spot was detected by using iodine vapours. Melting points are determined by open capillary tube method and are uncorrected. The IR (KBr pellets) spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer-1800-spectrophotometer and ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER DRX-300MHz spectrophotometer, (TMS as a internal reference) and chemical shifts are expressed in δ . Mass spectra were recorded on Jeol D30 spectrophotometer. Elemental analyses for C, H and N were conducted using a Perkin -Elmer C, H, and N analyzer

General method for the synthesis of N'-(4-substituted benzylidene) isonicotinohydrazide:

Isonicotinohydrazide, (0.01 mol), appropriate aromatic aldehyde (0.01mole), was dissolved in 10.00 ml of ethanol containing 1.0 mL of GAA. Silica gel (5 g) was added to the mixture. The reaction mixture was thoroughly mixed and adsorbed material was dried in air and irradiated in microwave oven at 400 W intermittently at 30 s intervals for 1 to 2.30 min.. The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC using n-hexane: ethyl acetate (6:4) as mobile phase. The reaction mixture was cooled and the product was extracted with methanol. Dilution of methanol solution with ice-cold water gave the product, which was filtered, washed with water and recrystallization from methanol to give **1a-l**. The M.P. of the synthesised compound was checked by the given literatures²⁵⁻²⁶.

General procedure for the synthesis of 1-(2-(substituted- phenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-3(2h)-yl) ethanone: Silica gel (6 g) was added to the different isonicotinohydrazide (**1a-l**, 0.01 mol) and Ac_2O (10 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was thoroughly mixed and adsorbed material was dried in air and irradiated in microwave oven at 400 W intermittently at 30 s intervals for the time indicated in **Table 1**. The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC using n-hexane: ethyl acetate (6:4) as mobile phase. The reaction mixture was cooled and the product was extracted with methanol. Dilution of methanol solution with ice-cold water gave the crude product, which was filtered, washed with water and recrystallization from methanol to give **2a-l**.



- Ar.= (a) C₆H₅ (b) 4-FC₆H₄ (c) 4-ClC₆H₄ (d) 3-ClC₆H₄
 (e) 4-NO₂ C₆H₄ (f) 3-NO₂ C₆H₄ (g) 2-NO₂ C₆H₄ (h) 4-OH C₆H₄
 (i) 3-OH C₆H₄ (j) 4-OCH₃ C₆H₄ (k) 4-N(CH₃)₂C₆H₄ (l) C₄H₃O(2-furyl)

(2a).1-(2-phenyl-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone:

Mol. Formula; C₁₅H₁₃N₃O₂ : Elemental analysis Calculated; C, 67.40; H, 4.90; N, 15.72 Found: C, 67.28.; H, 4.52; N, 15.52 : IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 3035 (CH-Ar str. of aromatic ring), 1665 (C=O str, of acetyl group), 1630 (C=N str. of 1,3,4 Oxadiazole), 1540 (C=N str. of pyridine), 1470 (C-O-C str. of 1,3,4-oxadiazole) : ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : 7.75- 8.64 (4H, m, Ar-H of pyridine); 7.12-7.36 (5H, m, Ar-H), 8.24 (s,1H,CH-oxadiazole), 1.89 (s, 3H, OCH₃) : MS (m/z+) [M⁺] 267;

(2b). 1-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone:

Mol. Formula; C₁₅H₁₂FN₃O₂ : Elemental analysis Calculated; C, 63.15; H, 4.24; N, 14.73 Found: C, 63.36.; H, 4.40; N, 15.00 : IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 3105 (CH-Ar str. of aromatic ring), 1685 (C=O str, of acetyl group), 1650 (C=N str. of 1,3,4 Oxadiazole), 1560 (C=N str. of pyridine), 1464 (C-O-C str. of 1,3,4-oxadiazole) : ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : 7.72- 8.54 (4H, m, Ar-H of pyridine); 7.08-7.40 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.36 (s,1H,CH-oxadiazole), 1.94 (s, 3H, OCH₃) : MS (m/z+) [M⁺] 285;

(2c).1-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone:

Mol. Formula; C₁₅H₁₂ClN₃O₂ :Elemental analysis Calculated; C, 59.71; H, 4.01; N, 13.93 Found: C, 59.46.; H, 4.22; N, 14.12 : IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 3080 (CH-Ar str. of aromatic ring), 1665 (C=O str, of acetyl group), 1662 (C=N str. of 1,3,4 Oxadiazole), 1543 (C=N str. of pyridine), 1442 (C-O-C str. of 1,3,4-oxadiazole) : ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : 7.62- 8.64 (4H, m, Ar-H of pyridine); 7.02-7.46 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.54 (s,1H,CH-oxadiazole) 1.98 (s, 3H, OCH₃) : MS (m/z+) [M⁺] 301;

(2f). 1-(2-(3-nitrophenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone:

Mol. Formula; C₁₅H₁₂N₄O₄ : Elemental analysis Calculated C, 57.69; H, 3.87; N, 17.94; Found: C, 57.38.; H, 4.00; N, 18.10 : IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 3120(CH-Ar str. of aromatic ring), 1645(C=O str, of acetyl group), 1632 (C=N str. of 1,3,4 Oxadiazole), 1523 (C=N str. of pyridine), 1422 (C-O-C str. of 1,3,4-oxadiazole) : ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) : 7.88- 8.84 (4H, m, Ar-H of pyridine); 7.40-8.04 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.62 (s,1H, CH-oxadiazole), 2.02 (s, 3H, OCH₃) : MS (m/z+) [M⁺] 312;

(2h). 1-(2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone:

Mol. Formula; C₁₅H₁₃N₃O₃ : Elemental analysis Calculated; C, 63.60 ; H, 4.63; N, 14.83; Found: C, 63.36.; H, 4.40; N, 14.62 : IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 3208 (O-H, str.) 3100 (CH-Ar str. of aromatic ring), 1640 (C=O str, of acetyl group), 1634 (C=N str. of 1,3,4 Oxadiazole), 1542

(C=N str. of pyridine), 1432 (C-O-C str. of 1,3,4-oxadiazole) : $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) : 9.58 (s,1H, O-H), 7.80- 8.88 (4H, m, Ar-H of pyridine); 6.62-7.04 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.62 (s,1H,CH-oxadiazole), 2.04 (s, 3H, OCH $_3$) : MS (m/z+) [M^+] 283;

(2j).1-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone:

Mol. Formula; C $_{16}$ H $_{15}$ N $_3$ O $_3$: Elemental analysis Calculated; C, 64.64 ; H, 5.09; N, 14.13; Found: C, 64.38.; H, 4.82; N, 14.34 : IR (KBr cm $^{-1}$): 3082(CH-Ar str .of aromatic ring), 1652 (C=O str, of acetyl group), 1665 (C=N str. of 1,3,4 Oxadiazole), 1552 (C=N str. of pyridine), 1448 (str. C-O-C str. of 1,3,4-oxadiazole) : $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) : 8.04- 8.82 (4H, m, Ar-H of pyridine); 6.72-7.10 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.58 (s,1H,CH-oxadiazole), 3.38 (s, 3H, OCH $_3$) 2.08 (s, 3H, OCH $_3$, 1,3,4-oxadiazole): MS (m/z+) [M^+] 297;

(2k). 1-(2-(3-(dimethylamino) phenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone:

Mol. Formula; C $_{17}$ H $_{18}$ N $_4$ O $_2$: Elemental analysis Calculated; C, 65.79 ; H, 5.85; N, 18.05; Found: C, 66.02.; H, 5.62; N, 18.38 : IR (KBr cm $^{-1}$): 3070 (CH-Ar str .of aromatic ring), 1646 (C=O str, of acetyl group), 1652 (C=N str. of 1,3,4 Oxadiazole), 1538 (C=N str. of pyridine), 1442 (C-O-C str. of 1,3,4-oxadiazole) : $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) : 8.14- 8.86 (4H, m, Ar-H of pyridine); 6.52-7.08 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.64 (s,1H,CH-oxadiazole), 1.57 (s, 6H, - N(CH $_3$) $_2$) 1.86 (s, 3H, OCH $_3$, 1,3,4-oxadiazole) : MS (m/z+) [M^+] 310;

(2l).1-(2-(furan-2-yl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone:

Mol. Formula; C $_{13}$ H $_{11}$ N $_3$ O $_3$: Elemental analysis Calculated; C, 60.70 ; H, 4.31; N, 16.33; Found: C, 60.54.; H, 4.62; N, 16.58: IR (KBr cm $^{-1}$): 3084 (CH-Ar str .of aromatic ring), 1642 (C=O str, of acetyl group), 1654 (C=N str. of 1,3,4 Oxadiazole), 1542 (C=N str. of pyridine), 1456 (str. C-O-C str. of 1,3,4-oxadiazole) : $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) 8.04- 8.82 (4H, m, Ar-H of pyridine); 6.32-7.30 (3H, m, furan-H), 8.68 (s,1H,CH-oxadiazole), 2.02 (s, 3H, OCH $_3$, 1,3,4-oxadiazole) : MS (m/z+) [M^+] 257;

Antibacterial activity: The antibacterial activity of all the synthesized compounds (2a-m) were examined against Gram-positive (*S.aureus*) and Gram-negative (*E.coli*) organisms by measuring zone of inhibition. The antibacterial activity was performed by Agar diffusion method [27,28] at the concentration level 200 ,100 .50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ciprofloxacin was used as standard drug at concentration of 50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. Nutrient agar was used as culture media and DMSO was used as solvent control. The zones of inhibition were measured with antibiotic zone scale in mm. The tests were carried out in duplicate the results of the antibacterial activity are shown in Table 2.

Antifungal activity :The antifungal activity of all the synthesized compounds (2a-l) were examined against *C.albicans* and *A.niger* by measuring zone of inhibition. The antifungal activity was performed by agar well diffusion method [29] at the concentration level of 200, 100, 50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ketoconazole was used as standard drug at a concentration of 50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. Sabouraud dextrose agar was used as culture media and DMF was used as solvent control. The zones of inhibition were measured with antibiotic zone scale in mm. The tests were carried out in duplicate .The results of the antifungal activity are shown in Table 2.

Anti-inflammatory activity : Swiss albino rats (100 - 120 g) of either sex were selected for the experiments. Animals were allowed to be acclimatise for a period of 2 weeks in our laboratory environment prior to the study. Animals were housed in polypropylene cages(4 animals per cage), maintained under standard laboratory conditions (i.e. 12:12 hour light and dark sequence; at an ambient temperature of $25 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$; 35-60 % humidity); the animals

were fed with standard rat pellet diet (Hindustan Liver Ltd. Mumbai) and water *ad libitum*. The principles of Laboratory Animal Care were followed and instructions given by our institutional animal ethical committee were maintained throughout the experiment.

All the synthesized compounds were screened for *in vivo* anti-inflammatory activity by carrageenan induced paw edema test in rats [30,31]. Diclofenac sodium (50 mg/kg) was administered as standard drug for comparison. Rats were divided into XIV groups each group containing four rats. Group I was treated with tween-80 (1%) suspension which served as vehicle control. Group II was administered with standard drug Diclofenac sodium. Groups III to XIV were treated with the suspension of the test compounds in tween-80 at a dose of 50.0 mg/kg. After 30 minutes, the animals were injected with 0.1 mL of Carrageenan (1%w/v), in the sub-planter region of left hind paw of rats. The paw volume was measured every 60 min using the mercury displacement technique with the help of a plethysmometer after the induction of inflammation. The results were expressed as percentage reduction in oedema volume, which can be calculated by using the formula:

$$\% \text{ of inhibition} = \frac{(V_t - V_0) \text{ control} - (V_t - V_0) \text{ treated}}{(V_t - V_0) \text{ control}} \times 100$$

V_t = The paw volume at 60, 120 and 180 min .

V_0 = The paw volume at 00 min.

The results are compiled in the Table 2:

Analgesic Activity: The compounds that exhibited good anti-inflammatory activity (> 45 %) were screened for analgesic activity. Analgesic activity was tested by the acetic acid induced writhing method [32]. The mice were divided into seven groups of twelve animals each. A 1 % aqueous acetic acid solution (*i.p.* injection, 0.1 mL) was used as a writhing inducing agent. Mice were kept individually in the test cage before acetic acid injection and habituated for 30 min. Screening of analgesic activity was performed after administration of test compounds and the standard drug (acetylsalicylic acid) at a dose of 50 mg/kg. The control group was given orally 0.5 % (V/V) Tween 80 (0.5 mL) suspension. The compound and standard drug were administered orally to the animals, respectively. Twenty minutes after administration of the test compounds and a standard, all groups of mice were given the writhing agent, 1 % aqueous acetic acid solution (*i.p.* injection, 0.1 mL). The total number of writhing produced in these animals was counted visually for 15 minutes and the number of writhing produced by 3 to 9 groups was compared with that in the control group. The results given in Table- 4: are expressed as percentage protection.

Percentage Inhibition = $[\text{Wt (Control)} - \text{Wt (test group)}] / \text{Wt (Control)} \times 100$
 Wt = Mean number of writhing

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The starting compound, N'-(4-substituted benzylidene) isonicotinohydrazide1 was prepared by the reaction of isonicotinohydrazide and appropriate aromatic aldehyde in the presence of glacial acetic acid by using silica gel as a solid support under microwave irradiation. The

hydrazide **1** on treatment with acetic anhydride under microwave irradiation using silicagel as solid support resulted in the formation of the desired compound **1**-(2-(substituted- phenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-3(2h)-yl) ethanone. The cyclization reactions progressed efficiently to completion giving very good yields within a few minutes. The products were obtained with a high degree of purity by this procedure and no further purification was required. The experimental procedure is very simple. The process is environmentally benign.

The structures of these synthesized compounds were confirmed by their elemental and spectral analysis. In general, infrared spectral data (cm^{-1}) revealed bands at 3105-3055 (Aromatic CH-Ar str.), 1685-1640 (C=O, stretching acetyl), 1662-1630 (C=N stretching), 1560-1523 (C=N stretching of pyridine), 1470-1422 (C-O-C, stretching of 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole), 1258-1238 (O-CH₃ stretching). In the nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (¹H NMR, δ ppm), the signals of the respective protons at 8.24- 8.68 (s, 1H, CH-oxadiazole), 1.89-2.08 (s, 3H, OCH₃, 1,3,4-oxadiazole) were verified on the basis of their chemical shifts. Multiple signals between δ 6.32-8.04 δ ppm confirmed the presence of aromatic protons. Other signals were observed at 7.72-8.86 indicated the presence of pyridine ring in the compound. Further, the molecular ion recorded MS (m/z) [M^+] in the mass spectrum is also in agreement with the molecular mass of the compounds.

All the synthesized compounds **2a-l** were tested against two gram-positive bacterial strains *i.e.* *S. aureus* and *B. subtilis* and two Gram-negative bacterial strains *i.e.* *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa*. The results were compared with standard drug Ciprofloxacin as depicted in Table-2. Compound (**2b**) 1-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone is active on all the four bacterial strains *i.e.* *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa*, *B. subtilis* and *S. aureus*. The most active antibacterial agent against *E. coli* and *P. aeruginosa* found to be compound (**2c**) 1-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone. Similarly compound (**2h**) 1-(2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone is highly active on *B. subtilis* and *S. aureus* bacterial strains.

Table 1: Physical data and Rf values of synthesized compounds

| S.No. | Compo Und No. | Molecular formula | M. Wt | Microwave Method | | M.P °C ± 1 | R _f |
|-------|---------------|---|-------|------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | Time (min) | Yield (%) | | |
| 1 | 2a | C ₁₅ H ₁₃ N ₃ O ₂ | 267 | 8.50 | 92 | 232 | 0.65 |
| 2 | 2b | C ₁₅ H ₁₂ FN ₃ O ₂ | 285 | 9.45 | 94 | 189 | 0.68 |
| 3 | 2c | C ₁₅ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ O ₂ | 301 | 7.00 | 94 | 158 | 0.72 |
| 4 | 2d | C ₁₅ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ O ₂ | 301 | 10.30 | 88 | 178 | 0.70 |
| 5 | 2e | C ₁₅ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₄ | 312 | 11.00 | 92 | 201 | 0.68 |
| 6 | 2f | C ₁₅ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₄ | 312 | 9.30 | 88 | 198 | 0.65 |
| 7 | 2g | C ₁₅ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₄ | 312 | 8.30 | 90 | 188 | 0.64 |
| 8 | 2h | C ₁₅ H ₁₃ N ₃ O ₃ | 283 | 8.45 | 92 | 206 | 0.66 |
| 9 | 2i | C ₁₅ H ₁₃ N ₃ O ₃ | 283 | 12.00 | 88 | 210 | 0.74 |
| 10 | 2j | C ₁₆ H ₁₅ N ₃ O ₃ | 297 | 10.30 | 88 | 209 | 0.68 |
| 11 | 2k | C ₁₇ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₂ | 310 | 12.30 | 90 | 234 | 0.72 |
| 12 | 2l | C ₁₃ H ₁₁ N ₄ O ₂ | 257 | 9.30 | 85 | 204 | 0.62 |

All the synthesized compounds **2a-l** were also tested against *C. albicans*, *A. niger* and found that compounds showed varying degree of inhibition. The results were compared with the standard drug Ketoconazole as reported in Table-2. The compounds (**2e**) 1-(2-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone, (**2 i**) 1-(2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone and (**l**). 1-(2-(3-(dimethylamino) phenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1, 3, 4-

oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl) ethanone found to be active against both the fungal strains i.e. *C.albicans* and *A. niger*. On the basis of biological activity results, it may be concluded that the introduction of F, Cl, OH and NO₂, groups to the heterocyclic frame work enhanced antibacterial and antifungal activities. On the basis of their excellent inhibition it may be concluded that these 1, 3, 4-oxadiazol derivatives may serve as lead compounds for drug designing against these bacterial and fungal strains.

Table No.2: Antimicrobial Activity of the compounds. (1a-f)

| Compd. | Drug/ µg/mL | Antibacterial activity (zone of inhibition in mm) | | | | Antifungal activity (zone of inhibition in mm) | |
|---------|-------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|
| | | <i>E.coli</i> | <i>P. aeruginosa</i> | <i>B .subtitis</i> | <i>S .aureus</i> | <i>C.albicans</i> | <i>A. niger</i> |
| 2a | 50 | 10 | 08 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 08 |
| | 100 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 |
| | 200 | 18 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 12 |
| 2b | 50 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 08 |
| | 100 | 20 | 21 | 15 | 16 | 12 | 12 |
| | 200 | 26 | 26 | 24 | 23 | 16 | 16 |
| 2c | 50 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 18 | 18 |
| | 100 | 20 | 20 | 16 | 16 | 20 | 20 |
| | 200 | 27 | 27 | 22 | 22 | 21 | 22 |
| 2d | 50 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| | 100 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 18 |
| | 200 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 21 |
| 2e | 50 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 18 | 18 |
| | 100 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 22 | 22 |
| | 200 | 22 | 22 | 20 | 20 | 26 | 26 |
| 2f | 50 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 13 |
| | 100 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 14 | 14 |
| | 200 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 22 | 22 |
| 2g | 50 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 13 |
| | 100 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 19 | 18 |
| | 200 | 22 | 22 | 20 | 19 | 22 | 22 |
| 2h | 50 | 14 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 13 | 13 |
| | 100 | 20 | 20 | 23 | 22 | 18 | 18 |
| | 200 | 22 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 20 | 20 |
| 2i | 50 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| | 100 | 16 | 16 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 21 |
| | 200 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 24 |
| 2j | 50 | 10 | 08 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 08 |
| | 100 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 |
| | 200 | 18 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 12 |
| 2k | 50 | 10 | 08 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 08 |
| | 100 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 |
| | 200 | 18 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 12 |
| 2l | 50 | 10 | 08 | 10 | 10 | 17 | 17 |
| | 100 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 21 | 21 |
| | 200 | 18 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 24 | 24 |
| Control | | 03 | 03 | 03 | 02 | 02 | 02 |
| Stand.1 | 50 | 28 | 28 | 30 | 30 | - | - |
| Stand.2 | 50 | - | - | - | - | 28 | 26 |

Stand.1 = Ciprofloxacin ; Stand.2 = Ketoconazole

Table No.3: Anti-inflammatory Activity of the synthesized compounds (1a-f).

| S.No | Compd | Dose mg /kg | Paw volume (in mL) after min (Mean± S.E.M.) | | | | Inhibition after (min) (Mean± S.E.M.) | | |
|------|--------------------|-------------|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|--|-------|-------|
| | | | 00 | 60 | 120 | 180 | 60 | 120 | 180 |
| 1 | Control | 0.1% 3ml/kg | 0.60 ±0.022 | 0.76 ± 0.036 | 0.85 ±0.14 | 0.96 ± 0.36 | - | - | - |
| 2 | Diclofenace Sodium | 50 | 0.58 ±0.024 | 0.67 ± 0.022 | 0.62 ± .024 | 0.64 ± 0.24 | 43.75 | 52.00 | 83.33 |
| 3 | 2a | 50 | 0.58 ±0.026 | 0.69 ±0.22 | 0.73 ±0.24 | 0.78±0.20 | 31.25 | 40.00 | 44.45 |
| 4 | 2b | 50 | 0.59 ±0.22 | 0.69 ±0.24 | 0.72 ±0.26 | 0.76 ±0.28 | 37.50 | 48.00 | 52.77 |
| 5 | 2c | 50 | 0.56 ±0.16 | 0.67 ±0.14 | 0.70 ±0.12 | 0.72 ±0.16 | 31.25 | 44.00 | 55.56 |
| 6 | 2d | 50 | 0.64 ±0.20 | 0.75 ± 0.24 | 0.77 ± 0.18 | 0.79 ±0.22 | 31.25 | 48.00 | 58.34 |
| 7 | 2e | 50 | 0.63 ±0.02 | 0.73 ±0.06 | 0.76 ±0.04 | 0.78 ±0.06 | 37.50 | 48.00 | 58.34 |
| 8 | 2f | 50 | 0.62 ±0.14 | 0.74 ±0.16 | 0.76 ±0.14 | 0.78 ±0.12 | 25.00 | 30.56 | 55.56 |
| 9 | 2g | 50 | 0.65 ±0.20 | 0.76 ±0.18 | 0.80 ±0.16 | 0.78 ±0.20 | 31.25 | 40.00 | 58.34 |
| 10 | 2h | 50 | 0.60 ±0.22 | 0.70±0.24 | 0.73±0.26 | 0.72 ±0.24 | 37.50 | 48.00 | 66.67 |
| 11 | 2i | 50 | 0.62 ±0.24 | 0.72±0.20 | 0.76±0.22 | 0.75 ±0.24 | 37.50 | 44.00 | 63.89 |
| 12 | 2j | 50 | 0.61 ±0.24 | 0.70 ±0.22 | 0.73 ±0.24 | 0.67 ±0.26 | 43.75 | 56.00 | 83.34 |
| 13 | 2k | 50 | 0.60 ±0.20 | 0.69 ±0.22 | 0.72 ±0.20 | 0.69 ±0.26 | 43.75 | 52.00 | 75.00 |
| 14 | 2l | 50 | 0.56 ±0.20 | 0.67 ±0.24 | 0.72 ±0.022 | 0.76±0.22 | 31.25 | 36.00 | 44.45 |

Table- 4: Analgesic activity of synthesized compounds (2b-k) .

| Compound. | Dose mg/kg | Before Administration of drug (Mean± S.E.M.) | After Administration of drug (Mean± S.E.M.) | Protection % |
|-----------|----------------------|---|--|--------------|
| Control | (0.1% 3ml / kg i.p.) | 56.00 ± 0.3 | ----- | ----- |
| Standard | 50 | 60.20 ± 0.24 | 10.00 ± 0.26 | 83.92 |
| 2b | 50 | 62.40 ± 0.64 | 29.40 ± 0.62 | 52.88 |
| 2c | 50 | 61.40 ± 0.44 | 27.60 ± 0.40 | 55.04 |
| 2d | 50 | 64.20 ± 0.48 | 27.40 ± 0.40 | 57.32 |
| 2e | 50 | 57.60 ± 0.62 | 25.20 ± 0.68 | 56.25 |
| 2f | 50 | 56.40 ± 0.40 | 23.60 ± 0.38 | 58.15 |
| 2g | 50 | 56.40 ± 0.42 | 22.60 ± 0.38 | 59.92 |
| 2h | 50 | 58.60 ± 0.64 | 20.60 ± 0.60 | 64.84 |
| 2i | 50 | 61.60 ± 0.62 | 22.20 ± 0.68 | 63.64 |
| 2j | 50 | 66.40 ± 0.40 | 11.80 ± 0.38 | 82.23 |
| 2k | 50 | 64.60 ± 0.42 | 14.80 ± 0.38 | 77.08 |

CONCLUSION

Exhaustive pharmacological studies have been conducted with the 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole derivative. The 2 and 5-position are an extremely important site of molecular modification, which play a dominant role in determining the pharmacological activities of 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole derivatives. Synthesized compounds 2a-l exhibited good anti-inflammatory activity (44.45– 83.34 % protection) against carrageenan induced paw edema, whereas the standard drug diclofenac sodium (Novartis Laboratories, India) showed 83 % inhibition under similar conditions. Among the compounds tested, compounds (2j) 1-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone exhibited highest (83.34 %) anti-inflammatory activity, while compound (2k) 1-(2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone and (2h) 1-(2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-5-(pyridin-4-yl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-3(2H)-yl)ethanone showed good (75, and 66 %) anti-inflammatory activity. Synthesized compounds 2b-l exhibited good analgesic activity (52 to 82 %).

The presence of methoxy group at 2-position and pyridine group at 5-position shown highest analgesic activity of 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole derivative. However, still need some more novel

approach towards the functional group at the SAR to explore the pharmacological activity.

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