



Conventional and Microwave Assisted Synthesis of New Triazole Derivatives and Evaluation of Their Antimicrobial Activities

Yeni Triazol Türevlerinin Konvansiyonel ve Mikrodalga Destekli Sentezi ve Antimikrobiyel Aktivitelerinin Değerlendirilmesi

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ABSTRACT

In this study, four new oxime ether derivatives were synthesized and their antimicrobial activities were evaluated. At the same time, a comparison of the efficiency of the conventional method of synthesis with the microwave method was investigated. The structures of synthesized compounds were confirmed by their IR, ¹H-NMR, and HRMS spectra. Antimicrobial activity of the compounds was tested against two Gr (+) bacteria (*S. aureus*, *E. faecalis*), two Gr (-) bacteria (*P. aeruginosa*, *E. coli*), and three yeast-like fungi (*C. albicans*, *C. krusei*, *C. parapsilosis*) by modified agar dilution method.

Key Words

Triazole, oxime ether, microwave synthesis, antimicrobial activity.

Öz

Sunulan bu çalışmada oksim eter türevi dört yeni bileşik sentezlenmiş ve antimikrobiyal aktiviteleri değerlendirilmiştir. Aynı zamanda, geleneksel yöntem ile mikrodalga yöntemi karşılaştırılmasının incelenmesi amaçlanmıştır. Sentezlenen bileşiklerin yapısı IR, ¹H-NMR ve HRMS spektremleri ile doğrulanmıştır. Bileşiklerin antimikrobiyal aktivitesi, iki Gr (+) (*S. aureus*, *E. faecalis*) ve iki Gr (-) bakterisi (*P. aeruginosa*, *E. coli*) ve mantar benzeri üç mayyaya (*C. albicans*, *C. krusei*, *C. parapsilosis*) karşı agar mikrodilüsyon yöntemi kullanılarak değerlendirilmiştir.

Anahtar Kelimeler

Triazol, oksim eter, mikrodalga sentez, antimikrobiyal aktivite.

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INTRODUCTION

Antibacterial and antifungal agents are an important part of anti-infective drugs and have been used in clinical practice for a long time. Serious bacterial and fungal infections occur in immunocompromised patients, and it is necessary to treat these infections with effective antimicrobial agents due to the increase in probability of resistance [1-4]. The use of medical devices to improve quality of life and prolong survival, such as joint prostheses and cardiac devices, may also lead to increased opportunistic fungal infections. In addition, antifungal drugs are generally more toxic than antibacterial drugs mainly because fungal cells are eukaryotic, like mammalian cells [5]. For these reasons, efforts to develop new potent and effective antimicrobial compounds with fewer side effects are important for controlling serious infections in patients with malignancy, surgical operations, and immune deficiency.

Therefore, development of new antifungal agents with better activity profile is an attractive area for medicinal chemists. The azole group of antifungals are a rapidly expanding family of antifungal drugs and have maintained a key role in the treatment of immunocompromised patients who need oral therapy [6]. Triazole derivatives have a special importance among the azole derivatives. Fluconazole, itraconazole, and terconazole are examples of antifungal drugs in the market which have a triazole ring in their structure. Previously, we prepared some new 1-(2-naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)oxime ether derivatives and found that most of the these compounds showed promising antimicrobial ac-

tivity at low concentration (16 µg/mL) [7]. Also, pyrazole derivatives have been defined as heterocyclic compounds which have significant antimicrobial effects in literature [8–11]. Previously, we prepared some new 1-(naphthalene-2-yl)-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanone oxime ether derivatives and found that most of these compounds showed antifungal activity at low concentration (12.5 µg/mL) [12].

In our previous studies, different oxime ether compounds with (aryl)alkyl azole derivatives have been synthesized, and the relationship between structure and antibacterial and antifungal activity has been investigated [12–15]. In the (aryl)alkyl azole derivatives, naphthalene and phenyl rings are used as the aryl group, and imidazole, pyrazole and triazole rings are used as the azole group. In one of these studies, a series of oxime ether naphthylimidazole derivative was synthesized and antimicrobial activities were assessed; the compounds synthesized were found to be effective against *S. aureus*, *C. albicans*, and *C. krusei* at doses of 0.5 and 1 µg / mL respectively (Figure 1) [13].

In addition to these studies, naphthylpyrazole oxime ethers were synthesized, and all of the compounds displayed antifungal activity against both *C. albicans* and *C. tropicalis*, with lower MIC values (12.5–50 µg/mL). 1-(naphthalene-2-yl)-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime and 1-(naphthalene-2-yl)-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanone *O*-butyl oxime were found to be the most active compounds against *C. tropicalis* at 12.5 g/mL concentration (Figure 2) [12].

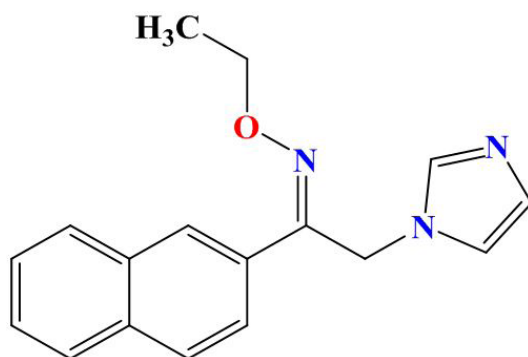


Figure 1. Structure of an (aryl)alkyl azole oxime ether [13].

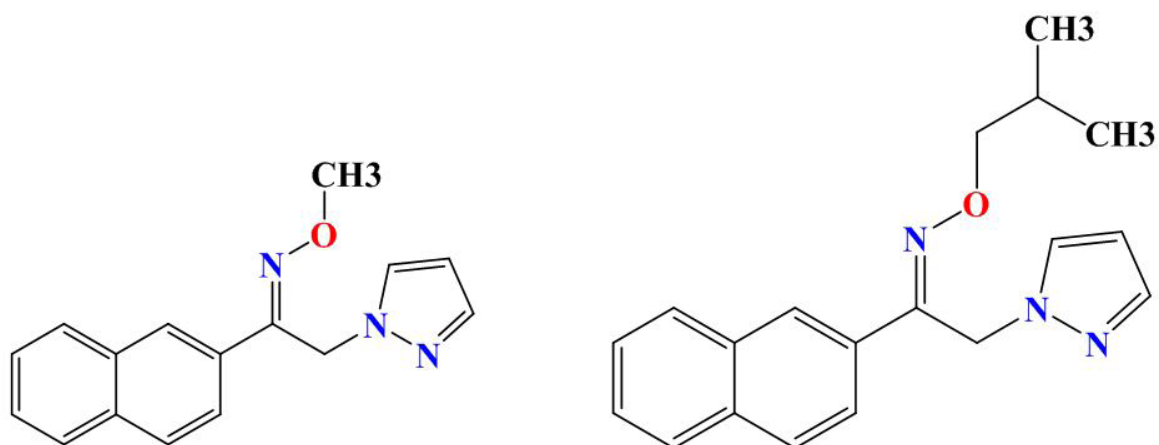


Figure 2. Structure of 1-(naphthalene-2-yl)-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanone *O*-methyl oxime and 1-(naphthalene-2-yl)-2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanone *O*-butyl oxime [12].

In another study, oxime ester derivatives were synthesized with phenyl/4-chlorophenyl ring as an aryl group and the imidazole ring as theazole group, and it was observed that these compounds had a very high antimicrobial and antifungal effect. The most active compounds against *S. aureus* and *E. faecalis* were 2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylethyl 4-phenylbutanoate, 2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylethyl cinnamate, and 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)ethyl 4-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate (MIC= 8 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) and 2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylethyl 2-propylpentanoate, 2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylethyl cyclohexanecarboxylate, and 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)ethyl 2-propylpentanoate (MIC= 32 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$), respectively. The MIC value of 2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylethyl [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate was 0.125 mg/mL against *C. albicans*. Additionally,

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)ethyl pentanoate (MIC= 0.25 mg/mL) was potent against resistant *C. glabrata*, a fungal strain less susceptible to some first-line antifungal drugs (Figure 3) [14].

These studies have shown that antimicrobial activity is significantly enhanced by the presence of the phenyl ring instead of the naphthalene ring in arylalkylazole derived oxime ethers. Theazole group, imidazole, and triazole rings were found to increase activity more than the pyrazole ring.

Microwave-assisted synthesis—with its short reaction time and high-efficiency yield—has attracted a lot of attention in recent years [16–18]. In microwave-assisted synthesis, microwave irradiation causes the tem-

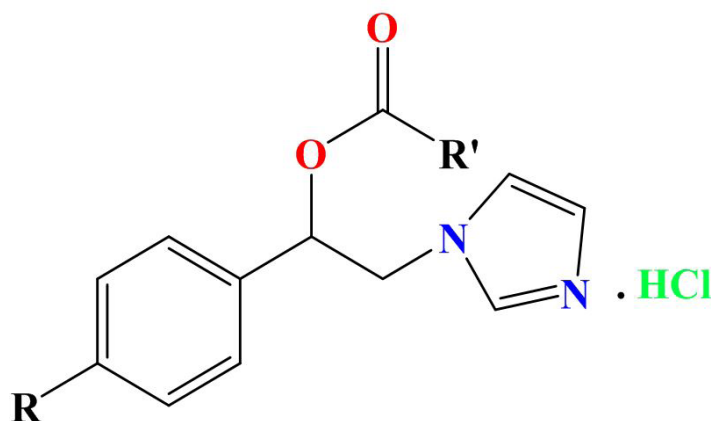


Figure 3. General structure of compounds R: H, Cl; R': $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$; $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$; $\text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_5$; C_6H_{11} ; $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$; $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$; $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COC}_6\text{H}_5$ [14].

perature of a whole reaction mixture to rise rapidly. In addition, it ensures that the reactions, especially those that take hours (or even days), take place within a shorter time [16–18]. Thus, microwave-assisted synthesis reactions are faster and more efficient than conventional methods for medicinal and organic chemists [19]. In this study, we synthesized the compounds by microwave-assisted synthesis in order to shorten the synthesis time of oxime ether compounds (which were completed in four hours by the conventional method), and to increase the yield obtained.

Therefore, in this study we aimed to design new oxime ether derivatives with a triazole ring and to evaluate their antifungal/antibacterial activities, and to synthesize the compounds using both the conventional and microwave methods. These compounds were designed by using alkyl or arylalkyl groups (Scheme 1) in order to evaluate the effect of the structural properties of the alkyl group on the activity. For this purpose, we focused on certain modifications of the alkyl group, such as altering the branching and length of it, in order to establish some relationships between the structure and the activity (Table 1).

MATERIALS and METHODS

Chemistry

Materials

The general synthesis was depicted in Scheme 1. All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers. All reactions were monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography using Merck pre-coated silica gel plates with F_{254} indicator. Column chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 (230400 mesh ASTM) as stationary phase and chloroform/methanol (90:10 v/v) as solvent system. Melting points (mp) were determined using Thomas Hoover capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrometer by ATR technique. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance Ultrashield FT-NMR spectrometer in DMSO- d_6 at 300 MHz (in İnönü University, Malatya). Mass spectra were recorded on a LCMS-IT-TOF (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) by using ESI method (in Anadolu University, Eskişehir). Microwave device is Perkin Elmer brand.

Synthesis of compounds

The compounds 1-(2-naphthyl)-2-bromoethanone, 1-(2-naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)ethanone, and 1-(2-naphthyl)-2-(triazole-1-yl)ethanone oxime were synthesized according to literature procedures [20–22].

2-Bromo-1-naphthylethanone (A)

To a solution of 50 mmol (8.51 g) 2-acethlnaphthalene in 50 ml acetic acid in an ice bath: first 3 drops of HBr was added, then 50 mmol Br_2 solution in 2.5 ml acetic acid, dropwise, with constant stirring at 0–5°C. After the bromine addition was complete, the mixture was stirred at room temperature for two hours. The reaction medium was poured into ice water, and the resulting precipitate was filtered, washed with sodium bicarbonate solution, dried in the dark, and purified by crystallization from methanol/water [20].

1-Naphthyl-2-(1H-triazol-1-yl)ethanone (B)

To a solution of 30 mmol (2.07 g) 1,2,4-triazole in 2.5 ml DMF: 10 mmol (2.49 g) 2-bromo-1-naphthylethanone (A) solution in 2.5 ml DMF was slowly added, with constant stirring at 0–5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for two hours in an ice bath, then overnight at room temperature. The reaction medium was poured into ice water, and the resulting precipitate was filtered and purified by crystallization from ethyl acetate/ethanol [21].

1-Naphthyl-2-(1H-triazol-1-yl)ethanone oxime (C)

15 mmol (3.56 g) 1-Naphthyl-2-(1H-triazol-1-yl)ethanone (B) and 30 mmol (2.08 g) hydroxylamine hydrochloride were dissolved in 75 ml ethanol and alkylated to pH = 11 with 15 N sodium hydroxide solution. It was heated under reflux for three hours. The mixture was then poured into distilled water and acidified with concentrated HCl to pH = 5. The resulting precipitate was filtered, washed with 5% sodium bicarbonate solution, dried, and purified by crystallization from methanole [22].

General procedure for the synthesis of oxime ethers (Compounds D1-4)

Method A: 10 mmol (2.52 g) 1-(2-naphthyl)-2-(triazol-1-yl)ethanone oxime (C) and 11 mmol (0.75 g) sodium ethoxide were stirred and refluxed for 30 minutes. Ethanol was evaporated in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in DMF, and 0.02 mol appropriate alkyl halide was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for four hours and then poured into ice water. The precipitate was filtered and crystallized from the appropri-

ate solvents.

Method B: (Microwave synthesis) 10 mmol (2.52 g) 1-(2-naphthyl)-2-(triazol-1-yl)ethanone oxime (C) and 11 mmol (0.75 g) sodium ethoxide were stirred and refluxed for 30 minutes. Ethanol was evaporated in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in DMF, and 0.02 mol appropriate alkyl halide was added. The mixture was irradiated in a microwave oven at 150 W for 10 minutes. The above purification method in Method A was also applied to this material.

Antimicrobial Screening

Broth microdilution testing was used to determine the MIC in accordance with the guidelines reported by the American Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) [23,24]. The antimicrobial activity of the compounds was tested against four bacteria including two Gram (+) (*Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 29213, *Enterococcus faecalis* ATCC 29212) and two Gram (-) microorganisms (*Escherichia coli* ATCC25922, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853) and for antifungal activities against three yeasts (*Candida albicans* ATCC 90028, *Candida krusei* ATCC 6258, *Candida parapsilosis* ATCC 90018). The tests were carried out using Mueller Hinton Broth (Difco, USA) for the bacteria and RPMI 1640 Broth (ICN-Flow, USA) for the fungi. Ciprofloxacin were used for antibacterial activity while fluconazole was used for antifungal activity as the reference compounds. The stock solutions of the compounds were prepared in di-

methylsulfoxide. The solution in the test medium provided the required concentration ranging from 1024 to 1 µg/ml. All the inoculated plates were incubated at 35°C and read visually after 16-20 h for bacteria but after 48 h for *Candida* species. The MIC values were recorded as the lowest concentrations of the substances that inhibit the visible growth of microorganisms.

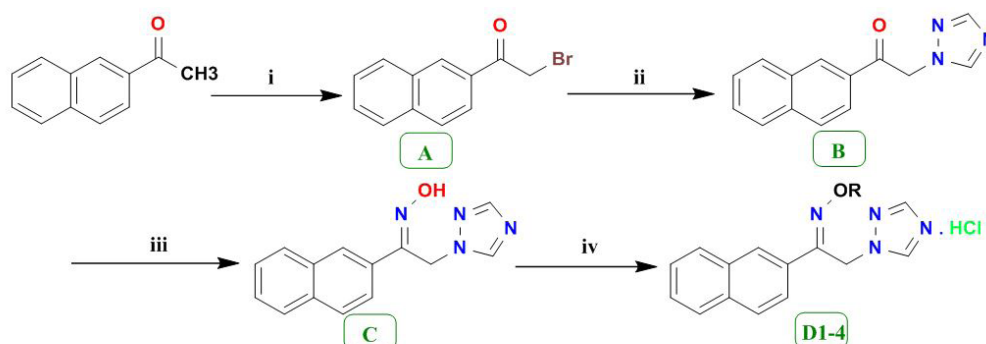
RESULTS and DISCUSSION

Chemistry

In this study, as a continuation of our previous studies on (arylalkyl)azole derivatives, we aimed to synthesize some new triazol oxime ether derivatives with better pharmacokinetic profiles and then to evaluate their antimicrobial activities [7, 12, 20–22].

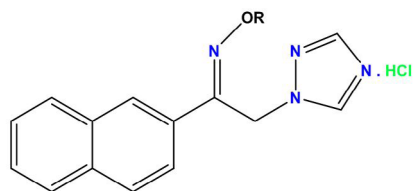
1-(2-naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)ethanone was obtained by alkylation of 1,2,4-triazole with 1-(2-naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-2-bromoethanone. The oxime was synthesized by the reaction of ketone and hydroxylamine hydrochloride. *O*-Alkylation of the oxime by appropriate alkyl halides gave the oxime ethers (Scheme 1). Sodium ethoxide was used as base to obtain oximates before alkylation. The structures and some properties of the synthesized compounds are given in Table 1. Formation of the compounds was confirmed by IR, ¹H-NMR, Mass spectral data and elemental analysis.

In the IR spectral data, peaks of C = N stretching at



Reagents and conditions: (i) Br₂, CH₃COOH, 0-5°C; (ii) 1H-1,2,4-triazole, DMF, 0-5°C; (iii) NH₂OH.HCl, C₂H₅OH, NaOH solution (pH 14); (iv) Method A: R-X, Na, C₂H₅OH, DMF, gHCl/Method B: MW 70°C, 500 W, R-X, Na, CH₃OH, DMF.

Scheme 1. Synthesis of the compounds (D1-4).

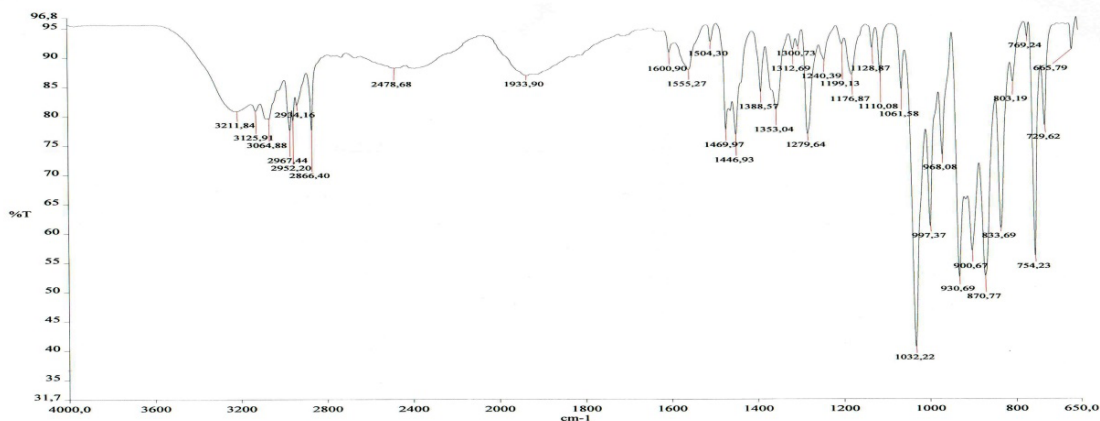
Table 1. Melting points, yields, molecular formula and molecular weights of the compounds D1-4.

Comp.	R	Yield (%)	Microwave Yield (%)	MP (°C)	MW (g/mol)	Molecular Formula
D1	Butyl	65.53	52.19	160-1	344.84	C ₁₈ H ₂₁ ClN ₄ O
D2	Isobutyl	62.86	68.20	162-3	344.84	C ₁₈ H ₂₁ ClN ₄ O
D3	Pentyl	55.25	42.32	165	358.87	C ₁₉ H ₂₃ ClN ₄ O
D4	Hexyl	62.33	52.33	166-7	372.89	C ₂₀ H ₂₅ ClN ₄ O

1500–1600 cm⁻¹, C-O stretching at 1100-1000 cm⁻¹, and N-O stretching bands at 1000-900 cm⁻¹ were reported for the oxime ether derivatives [25, 26]. According to this information, peaks of C=N stretching at 1600-1510 cm⁻¹, C-O stretching at 1086–1008 cm⁻¹, and N-O stretching bands at 988-904 cm⁻¹ were observed in the spectra of synthesized compounds (Figure 4). Observation of the C-O band, which is not found in the oxime structure, shows the formation of the oxime ether structure. In addition, the absence of the O-H band, which can be seen as wide as 3400-3600 cm⁻¹, also indicates the formation of oxime ether. The N +H bending bands of the compound, which was obtained as the hydrochloric acid salt was poured over the tertiary nitrogen atom of the triazole ring, was found at 3211 cm⁻¹. These findings are consistent with the literature and the traditional knowledge on the subject of IR absorptions of functio-

nal groups [25, 26].

In the ¹H-NMR spectrum of the synthesized compounds, the absence of the proton of the oxime group (N-OH) was observed at about 12 ppm, and the observation of the protons of the alkyl group indicate that this hydrogen is replaced by the alkyl group. All of the compounds synthesized were 2-naphthyl derivatives. The H1 proton of the naphthalene ring was observed as a singlet about 8.18–8.25 ppm, while the protons of H^{6,7} were observed as a multiplet between 7.34–7.58 ppm, and H^{3-5,8} were observed as a multiplet between 7.59–7.96 ppm in accordance with literature data (Figure 5) [25, 26]. The aromatic ring protons in the structure of the synthesized compounds were observed between 7.40–7.80. H³, and H⁵ protons of the triazole ring had undergone a chemical shift to 8.71–9.10 ppm and 8.27–8.59 ppm,

**Figure 4.** IR spectrum of compound 1-(2-Naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)ethanone oxime O-pentyl ether (D3).

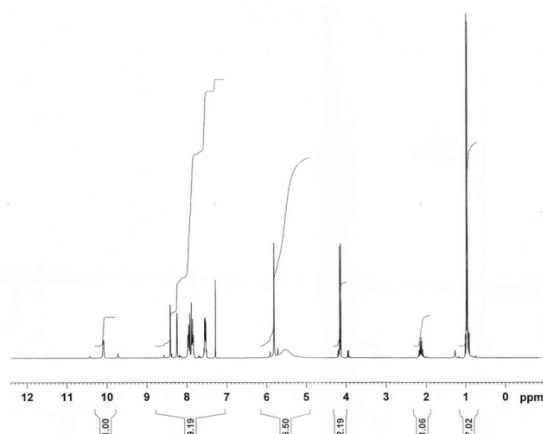


Figure 5. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of 1-(2-Naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)ethanone oxime O-pentyl ether (D3).

respectively. Since the compounds were obtained as salts, the structure of the triazolium was formed and the peaks shifted to these values for this reason.

In our previous studies, due to the importance of geometric isomerism for biological activity, the configuration of 1-(2-naphthyl)-2-(pyrazol-1-yl)ethanone oxime O-isobutyl ether was also investigated through X-ray crystallography studies and identified as Z isomer (Figure 6) [12]. Subsequently, we compared the configuration of this compound to the other compounds by analogy of their $^1\text{H-NMR}$ data. The isomer configuration of this type of oxime ether is usually assigned to the chemical shift of the singlet of the methylene protons between the oxime group and the pyrazole ring ($-\text{C}(=\text{N}-\text{O})-$

$\text{CH}_2-\text{N}-$), since these protons are unshielded by the presence of the adjacent oxime oxygen in the Z isomer [13]. Since the chemical shift of the singlet (2H) for methylene protons between oxime and 1,2,4-triazole in the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of 1-(2-naphthyl)-2-(pyrazol-1-yl)ethanone oxime O-isobutyl ether (5.55 ppm), and the chemical shift of the singlet (2H) for the same protons in the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra of the other oxime ethers (5.55–5.85 ppm) are almost equal, we can suggest that the other compounds are also in the Z configuration.

All spectral data of the compounds were in accordance with the assigned structures as shown following.

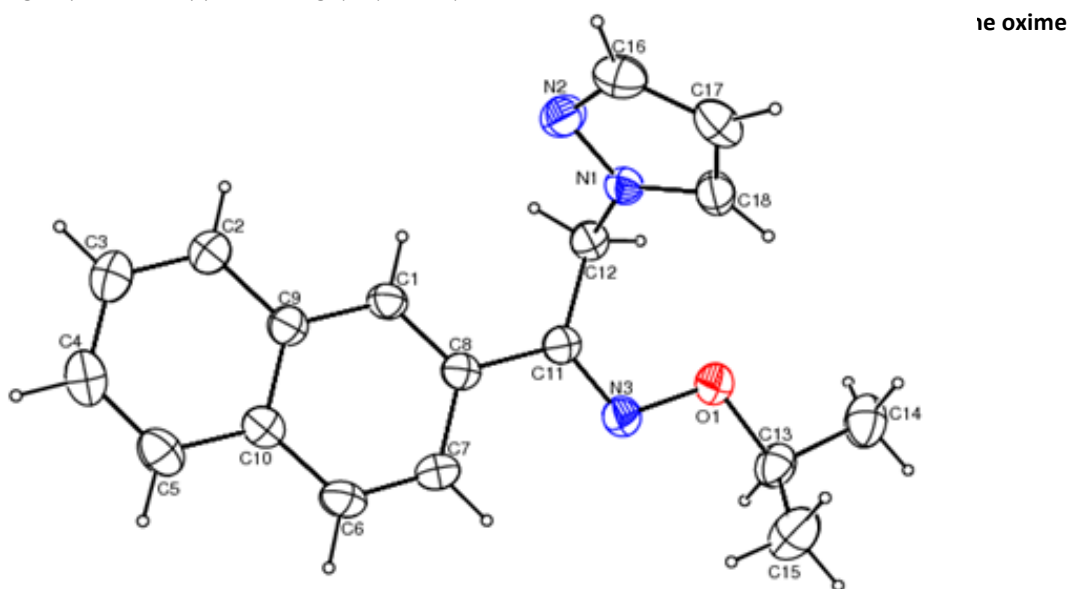


Figure 5. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of 1-(2-Naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)ethanone oxime O-pentyl ether (D3).

O-butyl ether (D1)

Yield: 66%; mp: 160-1°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 923 (N-O), 1040 (C-O), 1536 (C=N), 2955 (aliphatic C-H), 3055 (aromatic C-H). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃-d, 300 MHz): δ 0.96 (3H; t; -CH₃), 1.33-1.45 (2H; m; CH₃-CH₂), 1.70-1.79 (2H; m; -CH₂-CH₂-O), 4.34 (2H; t; -CH₂-O), 5.81 (2H; s; -CH₂-N) and 7.52-8.39 (7H; m; naphthalene protons), 8.43 (1H; s; triazole H5), 8.58 (1H; s; triazole H3) and 10.68 (1H; s; HCl). HRMS (ESI) (M+H) m/z: 309.1701.

1-(2-Naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)ethanone oxime O-isobutyl ether (D2)

Yield: 63%; mp: 162-3°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 923 (N-O), 1032 (C-O), 1555 (C=N), 2967 (aliphatic C-H), 3064 (aromatic C-H), 3211 (N-H). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃-d, 300 MHz): δ 0.96 (6H; d; -CH₃), 2.08-2.17 (1H; m; CH₃-CH), 4.14 (2H; d; -CH₂-O), 5.81 (2H; s; -CH₂-N) and 7.28-7.97 (7H; m; naphthalene protons), 8.24 (1H; s; triazole H5), 8.41 (1H; s; triazole H3) and 10.09 (1H; s; HCl). HRMS (ESI) (M+H) m/z: 309.1708.

1-(2-Naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)ethanone oxime O-pentyl ether (D3)

Yield: 55%; mp: 165°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 927 (N-O), 1036 (C-O), 1531 (C=N), 2951 (aliphatic C-H), 3055 (aromatic C-H). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃-d, 300 MHz): δ 0.92 (3H; t; -CH₃), 1.31-1.40 (4H; m; CH₃-CH₂-CH₂), 1.72-1.81 (2H; m; -CH₂-CH₂-O), 4.33 (2H; t; -CH₂-O), 5.82 (2H; s; -CH₂-N), 7.50-8.25 (7H; m; naphthalene protons), 8.42 (1H; s; triazole H5), 8.58 (1H; s; triazole H3) and 10.38 (1H; s; HCl). HRMS (ESI) (M+H) m/z: 323.1856.

1-(2-Naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)ethanone oxime**O-hexyl ether (D4)**

Yield: 62%; mp: 166-7°C; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 927 (N-O), 1035 (C-O), 1527 (C=N), 2952 (aliphatic C-H), 3054 (aromatic C-H). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃-d, 300 MHz): δ 0.90 (3H; t; -CH₃), 1.24-1.42 (6H; m; CH₃-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂), 1.72-1.80 (2H; m; -CH₂-CH₂-O), 4.34 (2H; t; -O-CH₂), 5.81 (2H; s; -CH₂-N) and 7.56-8.25 (7H; m; naphthalene protons), 8.44 (1H; s; triazole H5), 8.58 (1H; s; triazole H3) and 10.23 (1H; s; HCl). HRMS (ESI) (M+H) m/z: 337.2020.

Antimicrobial Activity

Antibacterial and antifungal activities of the synthesized Compounds D1-4 as MIC values were given in Table 2. The screening data demonstrate that 1-(2-Naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)ethanone oxime O-butyl ether (D1) shows the best antibacterial activity against *S. aureus* and *P. aeruginosa* among the synthesized compounds. All the studied compounds were found to be more effective against *S. aureus* than the other tested bacteria. All four of the synthesized compounds against to *C. krusei* had the same antifungal activity (the MIC value of 256 µg/mL) against to all *Candida* strains, except for 1-(2-Naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)ethanone oxime O-isobutyl ether (D2). Contrary to our previous research, in this study it was observed that the activity of these compounds decreased as the carbon chain increased. The compounds with a pyrazole ring were less potent compared to the activities of their triazole analogs; also, an oxime ester group instead of oxime ether in the structure caused significant decrease in the antimicrobial activity [12–15].

CONCLUSION**Table 2.** MIC values of the Compounds D1-4 against to the bacterial and fungal laboratory strains.

Comp.	Antibacterial activities (µg/mL)				Antifungal activities (µg/mL)		
	<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 29213	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853	<i>E. faecalis</i> ATCC 29212	<i>E. coli</i> ATCC 25922	<i>C. albicans</i> ATCC 90028	<i>C. krusei</i> ATCC 6258	<i>C. parapsilosis</i> ATCC 90018
D1	64	64	256	512	256	256	256
D2	1024	512	512	512	256	512	256
D3	256	512	512	512	256	256	256
D4	512	512	512	512	256	256	256
Ciprofloxacin	0.125	0.125	0.5	0.0625	-	-	-
Fluconazole	-	-	-	-	0.5	16	1

To sustain our research interest in developing novel nafimidone-like antimicrobial compounds and establishing new relationships between their structure and activity, we designed and synthesized four new nafimidone oxime ether derivatives and evaluated their antimicrobial activities. None of them exhibited notable antibacterial and antifungal activity. However, 1-(2-naphthyl)-2-(1,2,4-triazole-1-yl)ethanone oxime *O*-butyl ether (D1) had relatively better antibacterial activity among the compounds (MIC=64 µg/mL).

In this study, triazole oxime ethers have been synthesized using both conventional and microwave methods. The reaction time of the final step was four hours and ten minutes for the conventional and microwave methods, respectively. Shortening the reaction time was a major advantage for us, but the yields were not as high as expected.

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