

# Synthesis and antimicrobial activity evaluation of new hydrazide-hydrazone derived from 1,2,4-triazole

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## ABSTRACT

**Background and Aims:** The aim in this study was to synthesize new 2-[[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-N'-[(substituted phenyl/furanyl)methylidene]acetohydrazides and screen for their *in vitro* antimicrobial activity.

**Methods:** Novel compounds (**6a-g**) were synthesized starting with furan-2-carbohydrazide (**1**) using five step reactions. The structures of the resulting compounds were characterized by IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and elemental analysis. All compounds were evaluated for antibacterial and antifungal activities against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 29213, *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853, *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231, *Candida krusei* ATCC 6258, *Candida parapsilosis* ATCC 22019, *Microsporum gypseum* NCPF 580, *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* var. *erinacei* NCPF 375 and *Trichophyton tonsurans* NCPF 245 using a microbroth dilution method.

**Results:** The biological assay results showed that all of the compounds displayed varying degrees of antimicrobial activity in this series.

**Conclusion:** The preliminary results revealed that some of the new synthesized derivatives exhibited promising antimicrobial activities. Further investigation may be completed on similar molecules in the future.

**Keywords:** Synthesis, hydrazide-hydrazone, antibacterial activity, antifungal activity

## INTRODUCTION

1,2,4-Triazole derivatives have a high potency for different biological activities, such as anticancer (Boraei et al., 2019; El-Sherief et al., 2018), antiproliferative and anti-tubulin (Mustafa et al., 2019; Mustafa et al., 2017), antibacterial (Özkirimli et al., 2009; Turan-Zitouni et al., 2005; Sztanke et al., 2008; Demirbaş et al., 2004; Ulusoy et al., 2001a), analgesic (Turan-Zitouni, Kaplancıklı, Erol, & Kılıç, 1999), anti-inflammatory (Tozkoparan, Gökhan, Aktay, Yeşilada, & Ertan, 2000) and antitumour (Demirbaş et al., 2004; Al-Soud et al., 2004; Holla et al., 2003) properties. Moreover, hydrazide-hydrazone derivatives have been reported to possess antimicrobial (Rollas, Gülerman, & Erdeniz, 2002), antituberculosis (Koçyiğit-Kaymakçıoğlu et al., 2006; Imramovsky et al., 2007), herbicidal (Weng, Huang, Zeng, Deng, & Hu, 2012), antiviral (Zavrnik et al., 2011), analgesic-anti-inflammatory (Salgın-Gökşen et al., 2007), anticonvulsant (Dimmock, Vashishtha, & Stables, 2000) and anticancer (Savini et al., 2004) activities.

In continuation with our previous work in the antimicrobial activity research area, in the present study we have demonstrated the structural diversity of 1,2,4-triazoles as potent antimicrobial agents (Ergenç et al., 1996; İlhan et al., 1996; Günay et al., 1999;

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Ulusoy et al., 2001a; 2001b; 2003; Ulusoy Güzelmirci et al., 2010; 2013), we report here the synthesis and investigation of antimicrobial activity of new 1,2,4-triazole compounds.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Chemistry

All reagents for synthesis were commercially available. The melting points were determined on a Büchi 530 melting point apparatus (Flawil, Switzerland) in open capillary method and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were analysed on a Carlo Erba 1106 elemental analyzer (Milano, Italy). IR spectra were obtained on KBr discs, using a Perkin Elmer 1600 FT-IR spectrophotometer (Waltham, MA, USA). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/TMS) spectra were measured on VarianUNITY INOVA (500 MHz) spectrophotometer.

#### General procedure for the preparation of 2-[[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]acetohydrazide (5)

Compound **5** was prepared from furan-2-carbohydrazide (**1**) using four step reactions according to literature procedures (Çapan et al., 1990-92; Çapan et al., 1993; Ulusoy et al., 2001b).

#### General procedure for the preparation of 2-[[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-N'-[substituted phenyl/furanyl)methylidene]acetohydrazides (6a-g)

A solution of **5** (0.005 mol) and the appropriate aromatic aldehyde (0.005 mol) in ethanol (30 mL) was heated under reflux for 3h. The precipitate thus obtained was filtered and purified either by washing with hot ethanol or recrystallization from ethanol.

#### 2-[[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-N'-[(3-methoxyphenyl)methylidene]acetohydrazide (6a)

Yield 70%; mp 108-109°C; IR(KBr)  $\nu$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3440 (NH), 1676 (C=O), 1576, 1494, 1431 (C=N/C=C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 11.72; 11.64 (2s, 1H, CONH), 8.15; 7.96 (2s, 1H, N=CH), 7.75 (d, *J*=1.95 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>5</sub>-H), 7.69-7.65 (m, 2H, ClPhC<sub>2,6</sub>-H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H, ClPhC<sub>3,5</sub>-H), 7.35-7.20 (m, 3H, arylidene C<sub>2,5,6</sub>-H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 1H, arylidene C<sub>4</sub>-H), 6.52 (dd, *J*=3.42; 1.95 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>4</sub>-H), 6.29 (d, *J*=3.42 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>3</sub>-H), 4.45; 4.05 (2s, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S.1.5 H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 53.38; H, 4.27; N, 14.15; Found: C, 53.47; H, 4.07; N, 14.27%.

#### 2-[[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-N'-[(4-chlorophenyl)methylidene]acetohydrazide (6b)

Yield 59%; mp 119-120°C; IR(KBr)  $\nu$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3446 (NH), 1675 (C=O), 1610, 1559, 1514 (C=N/C=C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 11.77; 11.68 (2s, 1H, CONH), 8.69; 8.18 (2s, 1H, N=CH), 7.88 (d, *J*=1.96 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>5</sub>-H), 7.75-7.46 (m, 8H, ClPh), 6.53 (dd, *J*=3.42; 1.95 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>4</sub>-H), 6.29 (d, *J*=3.42 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>3</sub>-H), 4.44; 4.05 (2s, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S.H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 51.43; H, 3.49; N, 14.28; Found: C, 51.22; H, 3.27; N, 13.66%.

#### 2-[[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-N'-[(4-bromophenyl)methylidene]acetohydrazide (6c)

Yield 79%; mp 124-125°C; IR(KBr)  $\nu$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3440 (NH), 1676 (C=O), 1621, 1582, 1479 (C=N/C=C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 11.78 (s, 1H, CONH), 8.68; 8.16 (2s, 1H, N=CH), 7.80 (s, 1H, furan C<sub>5</sub>-H), 7.75-7.53 (m, 8H, ClPh, BrPh), 6.52 (dd, *J*=3.41; 1.47 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>4</sub>-H), 6.29 (d, *J*=3.41 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>3</sub>-H), 4.44; 4.05 (2s, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S.H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 47.15; H, 3.20; N, 13.09; Found: C, 47.22; H, 2.64; N, 12.72%.

#### 2-[[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-N'-[(4-carboxyphenyl)methylidene]acetohydrazide (6d)

Yield 74%; mp 265-266°C; IR(KBr)  $\nu$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3487, 3189 (OH/NH), 1671 (C=O), 1603, 1567, 1494 (C=N/C=C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 11.86; 11.77 (2s, 1H, CONH), 8.23; 8.05 (2s, 1H, N=CH), 7.99-7.96 (m, 2H, arylidene C<sub>3,5</sub>-H), 7.81-7.74 (m, 3H, arylidene C<sub>2,6</sub>-H, furan C<sub>5</sub>-H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 2H, ClPhC<sub>2,6</sub>-H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 2H, ClPhC<sub>3,5</sub>-H), 6.52 (dd, *J*=3.42; 1.95 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>4</sub>-H), 6.29 (d, *J*=3.42 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>3</sub>-H), 4.47; 4.07 (2s, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S.1.5 H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 51.91; H, 3.76; N, 13.76; Found: C, 51.52; H, 3.59; N, 13.88%.

#### 2-[[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-N'-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)methylidene]acetohydrazide (6e)

Yield 75%; mp 228-229°C; IR(KBr)  $\nu$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3400 (NH), 1684 (C=O), 1610, 1579, 1494 (C=N/C=C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.01; 11.87 (2s, 1H, CONH), 8.38; 8.24 (2s, 1H, N=CH), 7.74 (d, *J*=0.98 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>5</sub>-H), 7.71-7.65 (m, 2H, ClPhC<sub>2,6</sub>-H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 3H, ClPhC<sub>3,5</sub>-H, arylidene C<sub>4</sub>-H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 2H, arylidene C<sub>3,5</sub>-H), 6.52 (dd, *J*=3.42; 1.95 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>4</sub>-H), 6.28 (d, *J*=3.42 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>3</sub>-H), 4.38; 4.08 (2s, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S.H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 48.05; H, 3.07; N, 13.34; Found: C, 48.69; H, 2.71; N, 13.66%.

#### 2-[[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-N'-[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)methylidene]acetohydrazide (6f)

Yield 63%; mp 158-159°C; IR(KBr)  $\nu$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3400 (NH), 1676 (C=O), 1494, 1473 (C=N/C=C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 11.88; 11.77 (2s, 1H, CONH), 8.67; 8.15 (2s, 1H, N=CH), 7.95-7.54 (m, 8H, ClPh, arylidene C<sub>2,5,6</sub>-H, furan C<sub>5</sub>-H), 6.51 (dd, *J*=3.41; 1.47 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>4</sub>-H), 6.27 (d, *J*=3.42 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>3</sub>-H), 4.44; 4.05 (2s, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S.H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 48.05; H, 3.07; N, 13.34; Found: C, 47.98; H, 2.82; N, 12.74.

#### 2-[[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]sulfanyl]-N'-[(5-nitrofuran-2-yl)methylidene]acetohydrazide (6g)

Yield 51%; mp 190-191°C; IR(KBr)  $\nu$  cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3096 (NH), 1683 (C=O), 1610, 1563, 1472 (C=N/C=C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 12.11; 11.99 (2s, 1H, CONH), 8.70; 8.16 (2s, 1H, N=CH), 7.81-7.44 (m, 6H, ClPh, furfurylidene C<sub>4</sub>-H, furan C<sub>5</sub>-H), 7.22, 7.20 (2d, 1H, *J*=3.90; 3.91 Hz furfurylidene C<sub>3</sub>-H), 6.52; 6.48 (2dd, 1H, *J*=3.41; 1.95, 3.42; 1.47 Hz furan C<sub>4</sub>-H), 6.30; 6.22 (2d, *J*=2.93; 3.41 Hz, 1H, furan C<sub>3</sub>-H), 4.31; 4.08 (2s, 2H, SCH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S.1/2H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 47.35; H, 2.92; N, 17.44; Found: C, 46.91; H, 2.47; N, 17.91%.

### Microbiology

The tested compounds were dissolved in DMSO at a stock concentration of 3200  $\mu$ g.cm<sup>-3</sup>. The final required concentrations were prepared with RPMI 1640 medium for *Candida* species

and dermatophytes and with Mueller-Hinton broth of bacteria. The last DMSO concentration was reduced to 1%.

### Antibacterial activity

This was performed according to the literature method (Wayne, 2005).

### Antifungal activity

#### Antifungal activity for *Candida* species

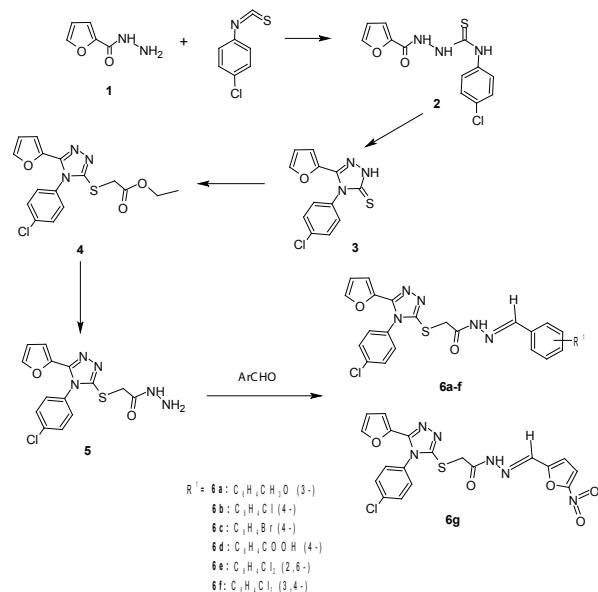
This was applied according to the literature (Wayne, 2002a).

#### Antifungal activity for dermatophytes

The microdilution method was used according to the literature (Wayne, 2002b; Fernández-Torres, 2002).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,4-dihydro-5-(2-furyl)-3H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thione (**3**) was prepared from furan-2-carbohydrazide (**1**) with two-step synthesis (Çapan, Ergenç, & Ötük, 1990-92). Treatment of compound (**3**) with ethyl bromoacetate gave an ester derivative (**4**), which yielded a hydrazide compound (**5**) on reaction with hydrazinium hydroxide. Condensation of **5** with substituted aromatic aldehydes gave **6a-g**. The synthesis of the title compounds is shown in Figure 1. IR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data confirmed the proposed structures. IR spectra showed the NH bands of **6a-g** in the 3487–3096 cm<sup>-1</sup> regions. The CO groups of **6a-g** absorbed in the 1684–1671 cm<sup>-1</sup> regions, respectively. The other bands which appeared in the spectra of **6a-g** in the 1621–1431 cm<sup>-1</sup> region were attributed to the exocyclic C=N group. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **6a-g** revealed the presence of two isomers in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as supported by the NH, N=CH, and SCH<sub>2</sub> protons resonating as double singlets at about 12.11–11.64, 8.70–7.96 and 4.47–4.05 ppm. It is supposed that the N=CH double bond limits rotation and causes the formation of *E* and *Z* isomers with the *E* isomer dominating (Çapan, Ulusoy, Ergenç, & Kiraz, 1999).



**Figure 1.** Synthetic route of compounds **6a-g**.

The newly synthesized compounds **6a-g** were evaluated for *in vitro* antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 29213, *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853, and for antifungal activity against *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231, *C. krusei* ATCC 6258, *C. parapsilosis* ATCC 22019, *Microsporum gypseum* NCPF 580 *T. var. erinacei* NCPF 375 and, *T. tonsurans* NCPF 245 using the microbroth dilution method (Wayne, 2005) (Tables 1 and 2).

**Table 1. Antibacterial activity of compounds **6a-g** (MIC ug/mL)**

Comp.	Microorganisms*		
	A	B	C
<b>6a</b>	64	64	>64
<b>6b</b>	>64	>64	>64
<b>6c</b>	64	64	>64
<b>6d</b>	64	64	64
<b>6e</b>	64	>64	>64
<b>6f</b>	>64	>64	>64
<b>6g</b>	32	64	>64
<b>Levofloxacin</b>	0.12	0.5	0.015

\*A= *S. aureus* ATCC 29213, B= *E. coli* ATCC 25922, C= *P. aeruginosa* ATCC 27853

**Table 2. Antifungal activity of compounds **6a-g** (MIC ug/mL)**

Comp.	Microorganisms*					
	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>6a</b>	32	32	32	32	16	16
<b>6b</b>	64	64	>64	16	16	8
<b>6c</b>	64	64	64	16	16	16
<b>6d</b>	32	64	32	16	16	8
<b>6e</b>	>64	>64	>64	16	16	8
<b>6f</b>	64	64	64	64	32	32
<b>6g</b>	64	32	32	16	16	16
<b>Itraconazole</b>	0.12	0.06	0.12	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
<b>Amphotericin B</b>	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.	0.5	0.5	0.25

\*A= *C. albicans* ATCC 10231, B= *C. krusei* ATCC 6258, C= *C. parapsilosis* ATCC 22019, D= *M. gypseum* NCPF 580, E= *T. mentagrophytes* var. *erinacei* NCPF 375, F= *T. tonsurans* NCPF 245

5-Nitrofuryl substituted compound **6g**, showed the highest antibacterial activity against *S. aureus* ATCC 29213 (MIC=32 µg/cm<sup>-3</sup>) (Table 1). Additionally, derivatives **6b** (R<sup>1</sup>=4-ClPh), **6d** (R<sup>1</sup>=4-COOHPh) and **6e** (R<sup>1</sup>=2,6-(Cl)<sub>2</sub>Ph), were most active against *T. tonsurans* NCPF 245 (MIC=8 µg/cm<sup>-3</sup>) (Table 2). Compounds **6b**, **6c** (R<sup>1</sup>=4-BrPh), **6d**, **6e** and **6g** showed the highest effect against *M. gypseum* NCPF 580 (MIC=16 µg/cm<sup>-3</sup>). Compounds **6a** (R<sup>1</sup>=3-CH<sub>3</sub>OPh), **6b**, **6c**, **6d**, **6e** and **6g** also showed the highest activity against *T. mentagrophytes* var. *erinacei* NCPF 375 (MIC=16 µg/cm<sup>-3</sup>).

## CONCLUSION

A new series of hydrazide-hydrazone compounds derived from 1,2,4-triazole (**6a-g**) were obtained from furan-2-carbohydrazide. The activity results indicated that some of the title compounds showed promising antimicrobial activity.

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