

## Preparation of Some 1,2,4-Triazol Schiff Bases as Urease Inhibitors and Study Their Effect on Proteus Mirabilis Bacteria

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### Abstract

The basic nucleus 4-(amino)-*o*-phenyl-1-*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol was prepared by cyclisation of potassium dithiocarbazinate with hydrazine hydrate using ethanol as solvent under reflux condition for 3-4 hrs.. The compound which has been synthesized successfully was subjected to addition reaction with different aldehydes to synthesize Schiff bases. The compounds were confirmed by [ physical parameters (solubility, melting point), <sup>1</sup>H nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>HNMR) and spectroscopic methods (FTIR)]. All the synthesized compounds were screened for their urease inhibition. Some compounds showed excellent urease inhibition activity.

Keywords: triazol ring, triazol Schiff base, urease inhibitors.

### Introduction

Triazoles are five membered heterocyclic compounds containing three nitrogen and two carbon atoms. The name triazole was first given to the carbon nitrogen ring system C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub> by Bladin who described its derivatives in early 1880, although the structures reported slightly incorrect [1].

The 1,2,4-triazole is an ubiquitous feature of many pharmaceutical and agrochemical products. The substituted 1,2,4-triazole nucleus is particularly common, and can be found in marketed drugs such as fluconazole, terconazole, and rizatriptan/perazolam [2].

Urease (urea amidohydrolase, E.C. 3.5.1.5) is an enzyme that catalyzes the hydrolysis of urea to ammonia and carbamate, which is the final step of nitrogen metabolism in living organisms. Carbamate rapidly and spontaneously decomposes, yielding a second molecule of ammonia. These reactions may cause significant increase in pH and are responsible for negative effects of urease activity in human health and agriculture [3,4]. Urease is produced by pathogenic or nonpathogenic bacteria [3,4].

All these bacteria produce urease that has a major role in urolithiasis by increasing the pH from 6 to 9 causing the mineral salts to precipitate in mucous material [5], which is produced by the bacteria and entered in its cellular structure and acts as navies around which salts are precipitated to form stones. It also has been found that bacterial cells inside renal stones in proteins are treated with

antibiotics [6]. This enzyme is high specific, which means that the enzyme catalyzes the hydrolysis of urea only [7].

### Materials and Methods

All the reagents, starting materials as well as solvents were purchased commercially and used without any further purification. Melting points were measured by using (Gallen Kamp / England) melting point. F.T.IR-8300 Fourier transforms infrared spectrophotometer SHIMADZU the (4000-400) cm<sup>-1</sup> spectral range. The spectra of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Ultrasheild 300 MHz in Jordan, using deuterated DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> as the solvent.

### Synthesis of benzoic acid hydrazide (compound 1) [8]

Methyl benzoate (5 ml, 0.039 mol) in 10 ml of ethanol is taken in a round bottom flask. To that hydrazine hydrate 3 ml added and refluxed for 4 hrs. . The mixture was filtered and recrystallization with ethanol. The precipitate is white crystal in color as a product .m.p (111-113)°C, yield 91 %.

### Synthesis of 4 [amino]-*o*-phenyl-4-*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-Thiol (compound 2) [9]

Add to a solution of potassium hydroxide (0.03 mol, 1.68 g) in absolute ethanol (10 ml), benzoic acid hydrazide (0.01 mol, 2.94 g) and carbon disulphide (0.02 mol, 2 ml) were added and the mixture was stirred for 16 hrs. To the resulting solution anhydrous ether (10 ml) was

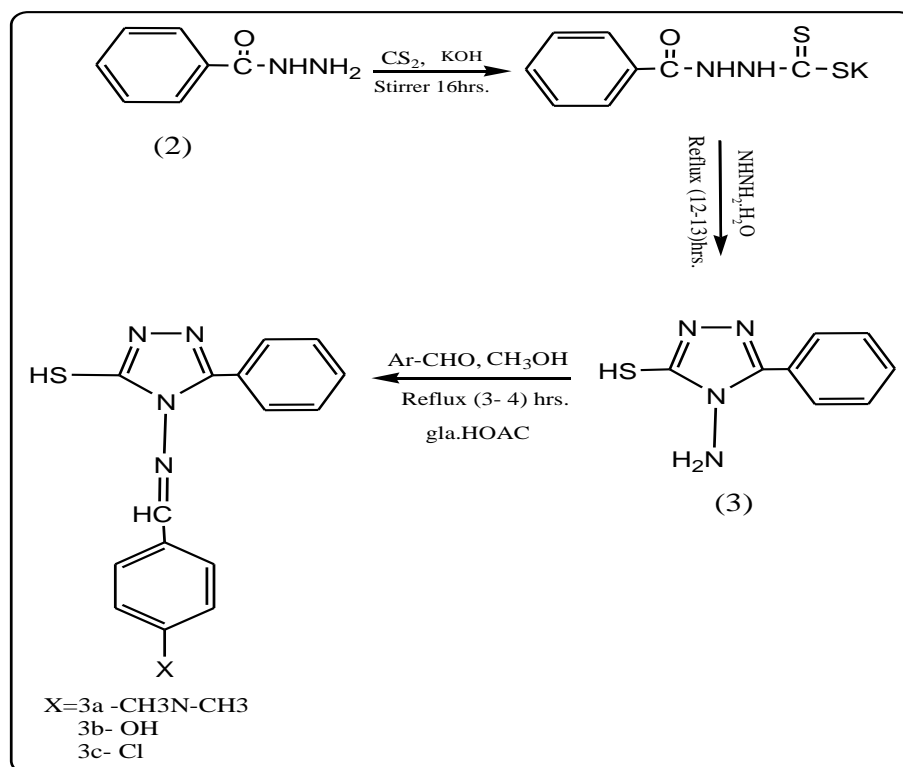
added and precipitated potassium dithiocarbazinate was collected by filtration, washed with diethyl ether and dried. The potassium salt obtained in quantitative yield was directly used without purification in the next stage. The precipitate (potassium salt) was added to an excess of hydrazine hydride (2 ml), and was refluxed with stirring until the evolution hydrogen sulfide; it was ceased by lead acetate paper. After cooling the reaction mixture was filtered, and then was acidified by Hydrochloric acid to yield the white precipitate. m.p (190-197)C°. Yield: 62%, color:white.

A mixture of  $\xi$ [amino]- $\rho$ -phenyl- $\xi$ H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol (0.20g, 0.001 mol), with (0.10g, 0.001 mmol) from *p*-(N,N-dimethyl) aminobenzaldehyd (3a), (0.10g, 0.001 mmol) from *p*-hydroxybenzaldehyd (3b), (0.10g, 0.001 mmol) from *p*-chlorobenzaldehyd (3c), and 2 drops of concentration glacial acetic acid in ethanol medium was refluxed for 3 hrs. The resulting solution was cooled to room temperature and the precipitated solid was filtered under suction, washed with cold ethanol and recrystallized with hot ethanol. m.p and physical properties are tabulated in Table (1).

### Synthesis of Schiff bases (compound 3a-c) [13]

Table (1)  
Properties of the Prepared Compounds.

Compound No.	Molecular weight	Molecular formula.	M.P.	Yield %.	Color.	Solvent system.
2	192,20	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	199-201	62%	white	Ethanol
3a	323,42	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	180-182	60%	red	DMSO
3b	296,30	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS	200-203	55%	Pale yellow	DMSO
3c	314,39	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> S	211-213	63%	yellow	DMSO



Scheme (1) chemical steps for synthesis of compounds.

**Pharmacology Urease inhibition bioassay** [1,14]

The synthesized compounds were screened for their urease inhibition activity, which is shown in Table (3). The compounds were found inhibiting the urease in variable concentrations. The urease activity was determined by measuring the amount of ammonia being produced using the indophenol method described by Weatherburn. The assay mixture, containing 10 µL of enzyme and 10 µL of test compound in 200 µL buffer (0.5 g in 10 ml distilled water urea, 0.17 g K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 0.18 g EDTA in 10 ml distilled water pH 7.0), were incubated for 30 min at 37°C in water bath. Briefly, 1 ml each of phenol reagents (1 g phenol and 0.2 g sodium nitroprusside) and 1 ml of alkali reagent (2.0 sodium hydroxide and 1 ml sodium hypochlorite) were added to each tube. The absorbance at 620 nm it was read by spectrophotometer. Percentage inhibition was calculated by using the following equation.

$$\text{Inhibition (\%)} = 100 - \frac{\text{Abs}_{\text{test well}}}{\text{Abs}_{\text{control}}} 100$$

**In vitro antibacterial assay** [15]

The synthesized compounds (3,3a-c) were tested for their anti-bacterial activity against Gram negative proteus (mirabilis) bacterial strains adapting the agar disc diffusion method. Prepared agar and petridishes were sterilized by autoclaving for 10 min at 121°C. The agar plates were surface inoculated uniformly from the broth culture of the tested microorganisms. In the solidified medium suitably spaced apart holes were made all 6 mm in diameter. These holes were filled with 0.1 ml of the prepared compounds, four concentrations for each compound was prepared, (100, 50, 20 and 10 µg/ml), tetracycline was used as references antibiotic drugs. DMSO was used as a solvent. One of these holes were filled with DMSO as control, to see the effect of solvent, These plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 hrs.

**Results and Discussion**

All the synthesized final compounds were first purified by successive recrystallization

using appropriate solvents. Triazole was soluble in ethanol, DMSO, DMF, dioxane. All synthesized Schiff base derivatives were soluble in DMSO at room temperature and in methanol, DMF, dioxane on heating. Physical measurements and analytical data of the all compounds are given in Table (1) and (2).

**Spectroscopic characterization**

The FTIR spectrum of compound (1) shows appearance of two stretching bands of NH<sub>2</sub> asymmetric and symmetric at (3301 and 3214 cm<sup>-1</sup>), carbonyl of Amide group was also seen at 1661 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The FTIR spectrum of compound (2) showed some characteristic stretching bands at: 3244 and 3100, 2666, 1620 and 163 cm<sup>-1</sup> assigned to NH<sub>2</sub>, S-H, C = N of triazole ring, and the last one is for stretching of C-S bond, respectively. The nucleus 4-[amino]-2-phenyl-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol was used to synthesise Schiff bases [3a-c]. The Schiff bases are confirmed by the disappearance of NH<sub>2</sub> stretching band of compound [2] at (3244 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 3100 cm<sup>-1</sup>). A weak band due to =CH stretching appeared at (3100 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 3167 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 3100 cm<sup>-1</sup>) Assigned to (3a, 3b and 3c) respectively. The major FTIR bands are given in Table (2):

**Characterization of prepared compound by Nuclear magnetic resonance**

The data of <sup>1</sup>H NMR 4-[amino]-2-phenyl-4-H-1,2,4-triazole-3-Thiol and its Schiff base displayed good solubility in DMSO.

**Compound 2**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR data (ppm), δ<sub>H</sub>(300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): signals at 8.276 (2H, s, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.067-7.820 (5H, m, CH aromatic ring) and 12.802 (1H, s, SH).

**Compound 3b**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR data (ppm), δ<sub>H</sub>(300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): signals at 9.292 (1H, s, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.492-8.192 (9H, m, CH aromatic ring), 13.891 (1H, s, SH) and 14.940 (1H, s, OH).

**Table ( ٧ )**  
**FTIR Spectral Data of the Prepared Compound.**

Compounds No.	NH <sub>٢</sub>	-S-H	=CH	C=N	C-S
٢	٣٢٤٤-٣١٠٠	٢٦٩٦	-	١٦٢٠	٦٦٣
٢a	-	٢٦٠٠	٣١٠٥	١٦٠٠	٦٨٢
٢b	-	٢٩٦٢	٣١٦٧	١٦٠٨	٦٤٤
٢c	-	٢٦٠٣	٣١٠٠	١٦٠٠	٦١٧

### Urease inhibition bioassay

The compounds (٢, ٢a-c) were tested for their potential to inhibit urease and the results are tabulated in Table ٤. Compounds ٢a and ٢b exhibited very good urease inhibition activity with the IC<sub>٥٠</sub> values of ٤٠,٩ and ٤١,٨ μM, respectively, whereas the activity of compounds ٢ and ٢c was only moderate (IC<sub>٥٠</sub> = ١٠٨,٧ and ١١٢,٧ μM, respectively).

It is noticed from the results that ٢a a Schiff base, is considered as the strongest inhibitor used in this study as it's (IC<sub>٥٠</sub> = ٤٠,٩ μM) and this is because of (C=N) bond presence in its structure which is characteristic of Schiff base and has high activity on enzyme itself. That the aryl part of the test compounds with its electronic effects is playing a significant role in manipulation of the activity. The most active compound, ٢a, have a N,N-dimethyl aminas a substituent on the aryl part, which when compared to hydroxyl group ٢b and chloro ٢c group has a lower electronegativity and donates its electrons more effectively to the phenyl ring and thus, onto the triazole nucleus. This probably positively affects the binding of the molecules to the active site of the enzyme rendering this compound more potent than the standard drugs.

### Antibacterial activity

The inhibition zones caused by the various compounds were examined. (١٠, ٢٥, ٥٠, ١٠٠) μg/ml concentration for all of these compounds). The results are listed in Table (٣). tetracycline was used as standard drug. The compounds (٢a and ٢b) have higher biological activity as antibacterial agent than tetracycline. Compounds (٢, ٢c) have a biological activity a little less than

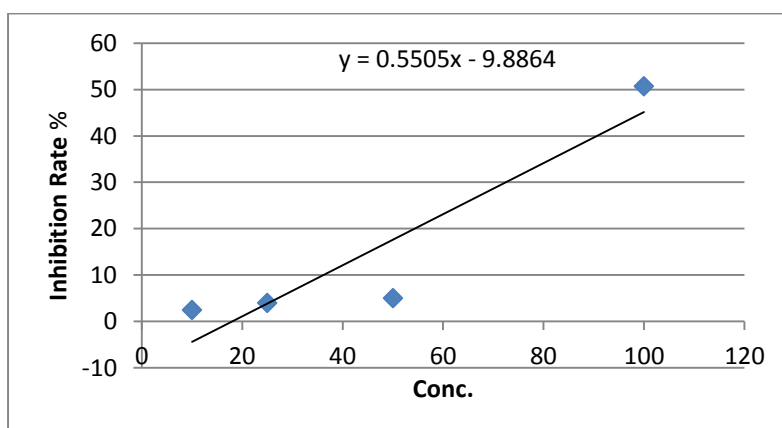
Tetracycline zone inhibition in mm. The presence of -N-N-C- moiety along with mercapto group imparts activities.

**Table (3)**  
*Antibacterial activity of synthesized compound Zone of inhibition (mm).*

Compounds	100 μg	50 μg	25 μg	10 μg
2	17	7	.	.
2a	20	17	17	.
2b	19	17	15	.
2c	16	.	.	.
tetracycline	19	17	14	10

**Table (4)**  
*Inhibition Rate% and IC<sub>50</sub> of the synthesized compound.*

Compound no.	Concentration μM	Inhibition Rate %	IC <sub>50</sub>
2	100	50.75	108.78
	50	5.2	
	25	4.1	
	10	2.01	
2a	100	78.39	40.9
	50	66.83	
	25	55.77	
	10	12.06	
2b	100	76.8	41.8
	50	65.82	
	25	51.75	
	10	9.54	
2c	100	48.72	112.7
	50	4.2	
	25	3.01	
	10	2.01	



**Fig. (3)** *Linear relation between inhibition Rate and concentration of Compound 2.*

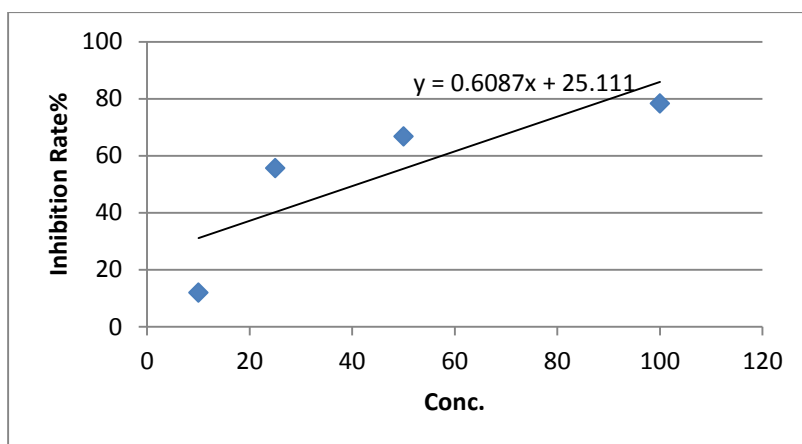


Fig. (4) Linear relation between inhibition Rate and concentration of Compound 1a.

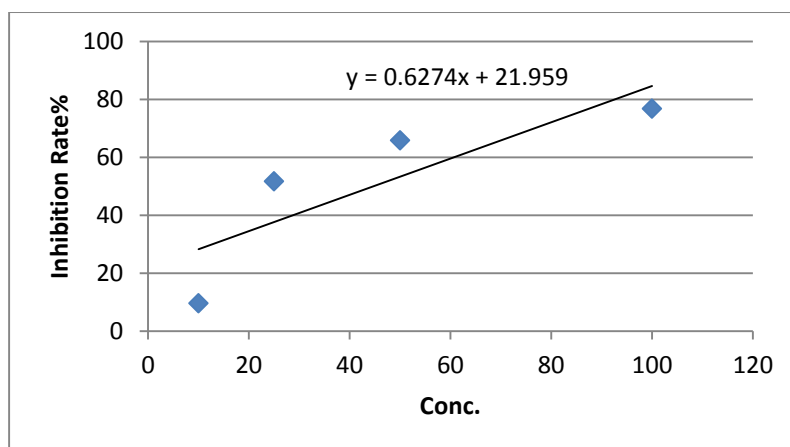


Fig. (5) Linear relation between inhibition Rate and concentration of Compound 1b.

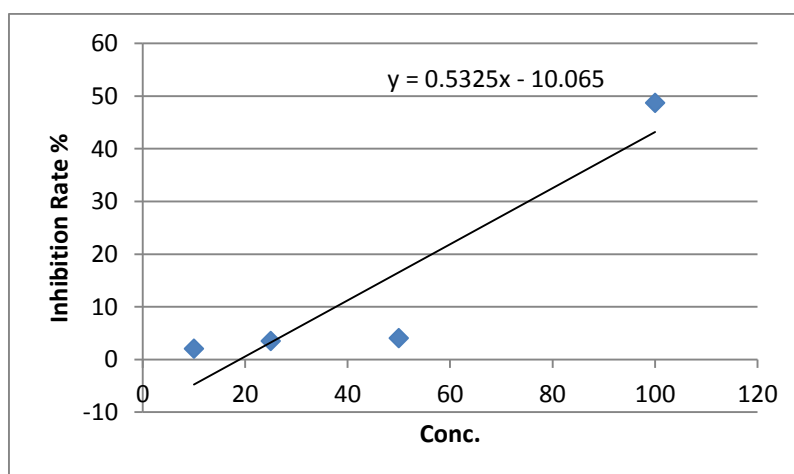


Fig. (6) Linear relation between inhibition Rate and concentration of Compound 1c.

## Conclusion

A series of triazole- $\gamma$ -thiol (1a-c) was synthesized. The urease inhibition ability of these compounds was evaluated. Some of the compounds were found to be excellent inhibitors. The compounds 1b and 1a showed

most urease inhibition activity. Therefore, the discovered inhibitors should be further investigated for the control of diseases whose tangible and beneficial alternatives are still insufficient.

All the synthesized compounds were further screened for antibacterial activities, demonstrating that some compounds in the series are most promising. The identified compounds can be utilized for further optimization of bioactivity using structural variations in the parent skeleton.

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### الخلاصة

في هذا البحث تم تحضير 4-امين-5-فينيل- $\gamma$ , $\delta$ , $\xi$ -تريازول-3-ثايول بواسطة الغلق الحلقي للبتواسيوم ثنائي ثايو كاربوزينيت مع الهيدرازين بالنقطير لمدة 3-4 ساعات باستعمال الايثانول كمذيب. حيث تم تحضير مركب التريازول بنجاح وبعده تم اضافته الديهيدات مختلفه لتحضير قواعد شف. تم تشخيص هذه المركبات المحضرة بواسطة الطرق الطيفية (طيف الاشعة تحت الحمراء (F.T.IR) وبواسطة

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