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SYNTHESIS AND BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF SULFONAMIDE-BASED 1,3,4-OXADIAZOLE DERIVATIVES

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ABSTRACT. A novel series of 1,3,4-oxadiazole containing sulfonamide derivatives were synthesized by 5-(5-cyclohexyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-benzenesulfonyl chloride. A good yield of intermediate with various substituted like aryl/hetero was formed. All the synthesized compounds were characterized by FT-IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectral studies. These compounds were evaluated for their preliminary bioassay *in vitro* antimicrobial activity, anti-inflammatory and anti-diabetic activities. In this series, most of the compounds have good anti-inflammatory activity. Particularly, compounds 5c, 5d and 5e showed excellent anti-inflammatory activity with IC₅₀ values of 110, 110, and 111 μg/mL than diclofenac (157 μg/mL). The frontier orbital energy and the global reactivity descriptor were discussed for the tested compounds using RB3LYP/311G(d,p) basis set. Results revealed that the theoretical calculations of antimicrobial activity were closely related to quantum chemical parameters.

KEY WORDS: 1,3,4-Oxadiazole, Sulfonamide, Antimicrobial, Anti-diabetic, Anti-inflammatory, FT, SAR

INTRODUCTION

Sulfonamides are one of the important drugs in medicinal chemistry, which are effective chemotherapeutic agents against microbial infection in human beings [1]. They are bacteriostatic in nature and block the biosynthesis of coenzyme (folate) resulting in the arrest of bacterial growth and cell division. Sulfonamide derivatives has been well known for their antitumor [2], anti-diabetic [3], anti-malarial [4], antimicrobial [5-6], anti-inflammatory [7], antioxidant [8], COX inhibitors [9], lipoxygenase inhibitors [10], alzheimer's disease [11], etc. Many literature survey revealed that 1,3,4-oxadiazole possess diverse pharmacological activities such as anticancer [12-14], antimicrobial [15-18], anti-HIV [19], antiproliferative [20], antiviral [21], anti-inflammatory [22-23], anticonvulsant [24]. Some of 2,5-disubstituted 1,3,4-oxadiazole based entities have emerged as most potent antimicrobial activities.

Nowadays, many microorganisms are resistant to antibiotics. Therefore, it is essential to find a new and better multi drug. Similarly, bio nanomedicines are considered as one of the most promising technique. It is successfully implicated as a drug delivery system in the treatment of various diseases like antimicrobial [25-27], anticancer [28-29], anti-inflammatory [30], antivirus [31], etc.

In this paper, we have synthesized new 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives with sulfonamide and tested for *in vitro* antimicrobial, antidiabetic, and anti-inflammatory activities. Some principal quantum descriptors have been correlated with the antimicrobial activity of the synthesized compounds.

EXPERIMENTAL

General

The reagents and chemicals used in the study were available commercially. All the reactions were monitored by silica coated TLC plates. Solvents (ethyl acetate:petroleum ether) were used

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as mobile phase. Melting points are uncorrected and checked by an electro thermal apparatus. FT-IR spectrums of synthesized compounds were recorded in the range of 4000-400 cm⁻¹ using a Perkin-Elmer RX I spectrometer with KBr pellet. Bruker 300 and 400 MHz NMR spectrometers (AVANCE II) were used to record H¹ NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra and CDCl₃ is used as a solvent. The molecular mass of the compounds was confirmed by using thermo lcq Deca XP MAX spectrometer. Elemental analyses were also performed to calculate the amount of C, H, and N using Perkin–Elmer 2400 analyzer.

Synthesis of 2-cyclohexyl-5-p-tolyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole

Toulic hydrazide (1 mmol) and cyclohexanoic acid (1 mmol) in phosphorous oxychloride (7 vol) were refluxed for 2-3 h at 110 °C. The reaction progress was monitored on thin layer chromatography by using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (7:3) as mobile phase and it was visualized in UV light. After completion of the reaction, the residue was allowed at room temperature and slowly poured into crushed ice with constant stirring. The solid was filtered off, washed with water repeatedly and dried, that afforded white solid as product. Yield 80%. m.p. 92 °C. FT-IR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 1494, 1442 and 1411 (for oxadiazole), 1593 (C=N), 1016 (C-O-C), 2932, 2856 (CH₂ Str). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 1.26-1.49 (m, 3H), 1.61-1.79 (m, 3H), 1.85-1.93 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.19 (m, 2H), 2.45(s, 3H), 2.91-3.03 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.91 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ ppm: 168.5, 163.2, 140.8, 128.9, 125.8, 128.2, 120.4, 41.8, 39.2, 38.5, 34.2, and 29.2. LC/ESI: m/z value 243 (M+1). Anal. calc. for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O (242): C, 74.4; H, 7.43; N, 11.56; O, 6.60. Found: C, 74.3; H, 7.32; N, 9.58; O, 6.62.

Synthesis of 5-(5-cyclohexyl-1,3,4 oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-benzenesulfonyl chloride

Chlorosulphonic acid (5 vol) was added to 2-cyclohexyl-5-p-tolyl-1, 3,4-oxadiazole (1 mmol) at 0 °C. Then, the mixture was refluxed at 110 °C for 3 h. The progress of the reaction was checked by TLC by petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (8:2) as mobile phase and was visualized in UV light chamber. The product was cooled at room temperature and poured into crushed ice slowly. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, water, brine water and dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure and finally the product was washed with petroleum ether to got afforded dirty white solid. Yield 68%; m.p. 112 °C. FT-IR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 2932, 2856 (CH₂ Str), 1485 (C=C), 1593 (C=N), 1335 (SO₂ str assym), 1160 (SO₂ str sym), 1018 (C-O-C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 1.36-1.56 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.71 (m, 4H), 2.13-2.18 (d, 2H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.93-3.07 (m, 1H), 7.59 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.33 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.75 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 170.6, 163.0, 140.1, 133.6, 127.8, 122.6, 118.8, 108.2, 35.3, 31.9, 29.7, 25.3, and 20.6. LC/ESI: m/z value 341 (M+1). Anal calc. for C₁₅H₁₇ClN₂O₃ S (340): C, 52.86; H, 5.03; N, 8.22; O, 14.08. Found: C, 52.76; H, 5.02; N, 8.24; O, 14.12.

Synthesis of 1,3,4-oxadiazole-sulfonamide derivatives

The suitable amine (1 equiv), pyridine (4 equiv) were dissolved in dichloro methane and 1,3,4-oxdiazole-sulfonyl chloride derivative (1.2 equiv) was added in drop wise at -2 °C to -7 °C. The organic reaction mixture was stirred at the room temperature for 2-4 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was poured into ice water and was diluted with ethyl acetate, and washed with water, 2 M hydrochloric acid, 10% sodium bicarbonate, brine water and dried with sodium sulfate. It was concentrated under reduced pressure to afforded sulfonamide as product [32].

5-(5-Cyclohexyl-[1,3,4] oxadiazol-2-yl)-N-(3-fluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (5a). Yield 61%; m.p. 187 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm $^{-1}$: 3120 (NH), 2935, 2859 (CH₂ str), 1606 (C=N), 1488 (C=C), 1336 (SO₂ str assym), 1167 (SO₂ str sym), 1070 (C-O-C), C-F (1270). 1 H NMR (CDCl₃ 300 MHz) δ: 1.30-1.45 (m, 5H), 1.66-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.91 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.16 (d, 2H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 6.63-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.13 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.59 (s,1H). 13 C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.6, 163.05, 161.4, 140.9, 138.6, 133.6, 130.7, 127.8, 122.6, 116.1, 111.8, 107.9, 35.3, 31.9, 29.7, 25.3, 20.6. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 416 (M+1). Anal calc. for C_{21} H₂₂FN₃O₃S (415): C, 60.71; H, 5.34; N, 10.11; O, 11.55. Found: C, 60.51; H, 5.26; N, 9.57; O, 11.38.

5-(5-Cyclohexyl-[1,3,4]-oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-N-p-tolyl-benzenesulfonamide (5**b**). Yield 65%; m.p. 119 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 3122 (NH), 2931, 2856 (CH₂ str), 1577 (C=N), 1512 (C=C), 1333 (SO₂ str assym), 1158 (SO₂ str sym), 1018(C-O-C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 1.20-1.51 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.9 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.15 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.94-3.02 (m, 1H), 7.01-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.40 (t, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.14 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 8.54 (s,1H), 9.82 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.3, 163.5, 160.1, 141.1, 138.6, 136.8, 133.1, 130.7, 129.8, 122.7, 122.3, 112.8, 110.9, 105.9, 35.3, 30.1, 25.7, 25.3 21.3, 20.7. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 412 (M+1). Anal calc. for C₂₂H₂₅N₃O₃S (411): C, 64.21; H, 6.12; N, 10.21; O, 11.66. Found: C, 64.01; H, 5.96; N, 9.87; O, 11.33.

5-(5-Cyclohexyl-[1,3,4] oxadiazol-2-yl)-N-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-2-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (5c). Yield 58%; m.p. 126 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm $^{-1}$: 3128 (NH), 2936, 2850 (CH₂ str), 1569 (C=N), 1522 (C=C), 1337 (SO₂ str assym), 1160 (SO₂ str sym), 1040 (C-O-C). 1 H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 1.27-1.39 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.91 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.16 (d, 2H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.96-3.04 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 6.63-6.73 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.13 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.59 (s, 1H). 13 C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.5, 163.0, 160.3, 140.9, 138.7, 137.2, 133.5, 130.8, 130.2, 122.9, 122.5, 112.9, 110.9, 106.9, 55.3, 35.3, 30.1, 25.3, 20.8, 20.6. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 428 (M+1). Anal calc. for C₂₂H₂₅N₃O₄S (427): C, 61.81; H, 5.81; N, 9.83; O, 14.97. Found C: 61.62; H, 5.76; N, 9.77; O, 14.39.

N-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-(5-cyclohexyl-[1,3,4] oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (5d). Yield 63%; m.p. 161 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 3141 (NH), 2956, 2862 (CH₂ str), 1568 (C=N), 1478 (C=C), 1332 (SO₂ str assym), 1165 (SO₂ str sym), 1025 (C-O-C), 745 (C-Cl). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 1.19-1.31 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.61-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.91 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.16 (m, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.95-3.02 (m, 1H), 6.99-7.02 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, 1H, J = 1.5 Hz), 7.43 (d, 1H. J = 7.8 Hz), 7.55 (dd, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 8.14 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1Hz), 8.63 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.4, 163.1, 140.9, 138.9, 135.6, 133.4, 130.7, 129.8, 128.9, 128.1, 127.2, 122.1, 35.3, 30.1, 29.3, 25.4, 20.6. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 433(M+1). Anal calc. for C₂₁H₂₂ClN₃O₃S (427): C, 58.39; H 5.13, N 9.73, O 11.11. Found C 58.32, H 5.16, N 9.78, O 11.21.

N-(*4*-Bromo-phenyl)-5-(5-cyclohexyl-[1,3,4] oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-benzene sulfonamide (5e). Yield 72%; m.p. 156 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 3106 (NH), 2927, 2854 (CH₂ str), 1575 (C=N), 1484 (C=C), 1336 (SO₂ str assym), 1159 (SO₂ str sym), 1069 (C-O-C), 590 (C-Br). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 1.31-1.49 (m, 3H), 1.61-1.79 (m, 3H), 1.86-1.91 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.16 (m, 2H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.95-3.03 (m, 1H), 6.99-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz),7.54 (s, 1H), 8.11 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.5, 163.0, 141.7, 140.9, 138.7, 135.4, 133.5, 132.4, 130.8, 127.8, 122.6, 118.5, 35.3, 30.1, 25.3, 20.6, 15.2. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 477 (M+1). Anal calc. for C₂₁H₂₂ BrN₃O₃S (476): C 52.95, H 4.65, N 8.82, O 10.08. Found C 51.83, H 4.60, N 8.85, O 10.12.

-(5-Cyclohexyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-N-(3-nitro-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide (5f). Yield 56%; m.p. 118 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 3120 (NH), 2929, 2855 (CH₂ str), 1617 (C=N), 1481 (C=C), 1360 (SO₂ str assym), 1160 (SO₂ str sym), 1090 (C-O-C), 1530 (C-NO₂). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 1.34-1.46 (m, 4H), 1.68-1.77 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.90 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.15 (d, 2H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.97-3.02 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz), 7.84 (d, 1H, J = 6.3 Hz), 8.03 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz), 8.63 (s, 1H), 9.93 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 169.6, 163.4, 141.5, 140.6, 138.7, 130.9, 130.1, 127.8, 122.3, 118.6, 36.2, 30.6, 25.1, 20.5, 14.3. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 443 (M+1). Anal calc. for C₂₁H₂₂N₄O₅S (442): C 57, H 5.01, N 12.66, O 10.08. Found C 57.2, H 5.72, N 9.79, O 14.35.

-(5-Cyclohexyl-[1,3,4] oxadiazol-2-yl)-N-(3,5-difluoro-phenyl)-2-methyl-benzene sulfonamide (5**g**). Yield 71%; m.p. 198 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 3094 (NH), 2934, 2859 (CH₂ str), 1618 (C=N), 1479 (C=C), 1339 (SO₂ str assym), 1172 (SO₂ str sym), 1024 (C-O-C), 997 (C-F). 1 H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): 1.30-1.51 (m, 4H), 1.61-1.78 (d, 2H), 1.86-1.90 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.17 (dd, 2H), 2.95-3.03 (m, 1H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 6.48-6.55 (m, 1H), 6.71-6.77 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 8.13 (dd, 1H, J = 7.95 Hz). 13 C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.4, 164.5, 161.9, 138.5, 137.9, 128.7, 125.7, 124.1, 122.8, 118.7, 107.2, 35.2, 30.1, 25.7, 25.3, 14.6.LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 434 (M+1). Anal calc. for C₂₁H₂₁F₂N₃O₃S (433): C 58.19, H 4.88, N 9.69, O 11.07. Found C 58.32, H 4.78, N 9.72, O 11.13.

-(5-cyclohexyl-[1,3,4] oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-N-naphthalen-2-yl-benzenesulfonamide (5h). Yield 69%; m.p. 172 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 3053 (NH), 2945, 2856 (CH₂ str), 1584 (C=N), 1549 (C=C), 1337 (SO₂ str assym), 1161 (SO₂ str sym), 1088 (C-O-C), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ ppm: 1.37-1.47 (m, 3H), 1.69-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.83-1.88 (m, 2H), 2.04-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.88-2.94 (m, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, 1H, J = 6.6 Hz), 7.32 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.40 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.46-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.80-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.93-7.97 (m, 1H), 8.14 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.49 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.4, 163.0, 140.9, 139.1, 134.3, 133.4, 131.0, 130.9, 130.8, 129.2, 128.9, 127.8, 126.9, 126.5, 125.4, 123.1, 122.7, 121.5, 35.2, 30.1, 25.3, 20.9, 14.2. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 448 (M+1). Anal calc. for $C_{25}H_{25}N_3O_3S$ (447): C 67.09, H 5.63, N 9.39, O 10.72. Found C 67.12, H 5.71, N 9.43, O 10.83.

-(5-cyclohexyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-N-pyridin-2-yl-benzene sulphonamide (5i). Yield 65%; m.p. 156 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm $^{-1}$: 3053 (NH), 2923, 2853 (CH $_2$ str), 1598 (C=N), 1552 (C=C), 1334 (SO $_2$ str assym), 1162 (SO $_2$ str sym), 1035 (C-O-C), 1 H NMR (CDCl $_3$, 300 MHz) δ ppm: 1.36-1.52 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.92 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.18 (d, 2H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.96-3.06 (m, 1H), 6.77-6.82 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, 1H, J = 9 Hz), 7.40 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.66-7.72 (m, 1H), 8.09 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.31 (dd, 1H, J = 6 Hz), 8.78 (s, 1H), 13.9 (s, 1H). 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl $_3$) δ ppm: 170.4, 163.4, 155.7, 143.3, 141.2, 140.7, 138.7, 133.3, 130, 127.1, 122.3, 115.8, 113.3, 35.3, 30.2, 25.4, 20.7, 15.3. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 399 (M+1). Anal calc. for C $_{20}$ H $_{22}$ N $_4$ O $_3$ S (398): C 60.28, H 5.56, N 14.06, O 12.05. Found C 60.42, H 5.57, N 14.09, O 12.10.

1-[5-(5-Cyclohexyl-[1,3,4] oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-benzenesulfonyl]-2,3-dihydro-1H-indole (*5j*). Yield 59%; m.p. 98 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 2932, 2853 (CH₂ str), 1600 (C=N), 1473 (C=C), 1327 (SO₂ str assym), 1160 (SO₂ str sym), 1028 (C-O-C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ ppm: 1.36-1.52 (m, 4H), 1.62-1.71 (m, 4H), 2.13-2.18 (d, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 2.93-3.10 (m, 1H), 3.12-3.15 (m, 2H), 4.02-4.10 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.07-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.41 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 8.11 (d, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 8.49 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.2, 162.8, 141.9, 138.5, 133.7, 131.1, 130.5, 128.9, 127.6, 127.0, 125.3, 123.7, 122.5, 114.4, 49.8, 39.8, 35.1, 30.0, 27.8, 25.2, 20.7. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 424 (M+1).

Anal calc. for $C_{23}H_{25}N_3O_3S$ (423): C 65.23, H 5.95, N 9.92, O 11.33. Found C 65.32, H 5.96, N 9.94, O 11.39.

1-[5-(5-Cyclohexyl-[1,3,4] oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-benzenesulfonyl]-6-nitro-2,3-dihydro-1H-indole (5k). Yield 56%; m.p. 120 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 2934, 2855 (CH₂ str), 1597 (C=N), 1477 (C=C), 1344 (SO₂ str assym), 1167 (SO₂ str sym), 1077 (C-O-C), 1522 (C-NO₂). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ ppm: 1.36-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.89 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.14 (d, 2H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 2.96-3.02 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.89 (d, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz), 8.14 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 8.27 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 8.50 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.5, 162.9, 141.7, 138.2, 133.8, 131.1, 130.4, 128.2, 127.1, 127.0, 125.4, 123.7, 119.1, 109.1, 50.3, 40.2, 35.3, 30.2, 27.9, 25.3, 20.9. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 469 (M+1). Anal calc. for C₂₃H₂₄N₄O₅S (468): C 58.96, H 5.16, N 11.96, O 17.07 Found C 58.92, H 5.19, N 11.86, O 17.13.

1-[5-(5-Cyclohexyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-benzenesulfonyl]-1H-indole (*5l*). Yield 58%; m.p. 98 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 2930, 2859 (CH₂ str), 1579 (C=N), 1471 (C=C), 1320 (SO₂ str assym), 1162 (SO₂ str sym), 1048 (C-O-C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ ppm: 1.38-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.86 (m, 4H), 2.06-2.16 (d, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.91-3.13 (m, 1H), 6.89 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.07-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.36 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.65 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.11 (d, 1H, J = 8 Hz), 8.49 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 168.2, 163.8, 141.6, 139.5, 136.5, 131.3, 130.6, 128.7, 127.1, 124.6, 121.8, 120.3, 119.4, 111.2, 109.5, 102.6, 34.7, 30.2, 27.7, 25.4, 20.2. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 422 (M+1). Anal calc. for C₂₃H₂₃N₃O₃S (421): C 65.5, H 5.50, N 9.97, O 11.39. Found C 65.42, H 5.47, N 9.96, O 11.38.

4-[5-(5-Cyclohexyl-[1,3,4] \circ axadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-benzenesulfonyl]-morpholine (5**m**). Yield 60%; m.p. 98 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 2925, 2855 (CH₂ str), 1601 (C=N), 1457 (C=C), 1335 (SO₂ str assym), 1156 (SO₂ str sym), 1112 (C-O-C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ ppm: 1.31-1.45 (m, 3H), 1.62-1.78 (m, 3H), 1.86-1.91 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.18 (m, 2H), 2.71 (s, 3H), 2.96-3.04 (m, 1H), 3.20-3.22 (q, 4H), 3.75 (t, 4H), 7.49 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.66-7.72 (m, 1H), 8.18 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.49 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.5, 162.8, 142.6, 136.1, 133.4, 130.8, 128.3, 122.7, 66.2, 45.3, 35.3, 30.2, 28.9, 25.4, 20.9. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 392 (M+1). Anal calc. for C₁₉H₂₅N₃O₄S (391): C 58.29, H 6.44, N 10.73, O 16.35 Found C 58.62, H 6.46, N 10.77, O 16.41.

1-Benzhydryl-4-[5-(5-cyclohexyl-[1,3,4]oxadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-benzenesulfonyl]-piperazine (*5n*). Yield 75%; m.p. 168 °C. FTIR (KBr) in cm⁻¹: 3451 (NH- str piperazine), 2928, 2853 (CH₂ str), 1557 (C=N), 1449 (C=C), 1326 (SO₂ str assym), 1156 (SO₂ str sym), 1080 (C-O-C). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ ppm: 1.37-1.46 (m, 2H) 1.80-1.91 (m, 3H), 2.05-2.16 (d, 2H), 2.45-2.48 (t, 4H), 2.70 (m, 3H), 2.95-3.03 (m, 1H) 3.18-3.24 (m, 4H), 4.23 (s, 1H),7.15-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.35 (dd, 4H, J = 12.9 Hz), 7.47 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.17 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 8.59 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm: 170.3, 163.0, 142.3, 141.6, 133.9, 131.1, 130.0, 127.8, 125.3, 123.8, 122.6, 114.6, 65.8, 50, 35.3, 30.1, 27.9, 25.4, 20.9, 15.3. LC/ESI-MS: m/z value; 557 (M+1). Anal calc. for C₁₉H₂₅N₃O₄S (556): C 69.04, H 6.52, N 10.06, O 8.62 Found C 69.02, H 6.66, N 9.96, O 8.39.

Figure 1. Scheme route of 2,5-disubstituted-1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives.

Antibacterial assay

The newly synthesized compounds were screened for their in vitro antibacterial activity against pathogens gram positive: *E. coli, S. Aureus*; gram negative: *P. aeruginosa* and *B. subtilis* at various concentrations at $100~\mu g/mL$ by using disc diffusion method [33-34]. All the test compounds were dissolved in DMSO and cultured in Mueller–Hinton broth (MHB). 6 mm diameters of sterile discs were placed in the petri plates, to which appropriate concentrations of different synthesized compounds were added. The three triplicates were maintained for each plate and were incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. Amikacin (30 μ g) was used as a positive reference standard and DMSO as negative control. The diameter of the clear zone around the disc was measured and expressed in millimeters as its zone of inhibition.

Antifungal assay

The antifungal activities of synthetic compounds were evaluated by disc diffusion technique. All the compounds are screened *in vitro* for their antifungal activity against *Candida albicans* and *Aspergillus niger*. Potato dextrose agar (PDA) was used for fungal cultures. The culture medium was inoculated with the fungal strains separately suspended in Potato dextrose broth. The synthesized compounds were applied on the sterile disc. Standard antibiotic (ketoconazole 30 µg) was used as positive control, and fungal plates were incubated at 37 °C for 72 h and triplicates were maintained. The diameters of zone of inhibition observed were measured.

In vitro anti-inflammatory activity (BSA assay)

The synthesized compounds were screened for their in vitro anti-inflammatory activity by using albumin denaturation assay by following the procedure reported by Kavitha *et al.* [35].

In vitro anti-diabetic activity (α-amylase assay)

All the synthesized compounds were evaluated for in vitro anti-diabetic activity by α -amylase assay by following procedure reported by Kavitha *et al.* [35].

Theoretical calculations

Quantum chemical parameter like dipole moment, $E_{\rm HOMO}$, $E_{\rm LUMO}$ and energy gap (ΔE), global hardness (η), global softness (S), chemical potential (μ), electrophilic index (ω) of the all title compounds were fully optimized using density functional theory method by RB3LYP. The structure of the all titled compounds were geometrically optimized by functional hybrid RB3LYP with electron basis set 6-311++G(2d,p) for the atoms with Gaussian 09 [36]. C log P was calculated by Chem draw ultra 8.0.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Chemistry

All synthesized compounds are confirmed by absorption bands 3080-3150 cm⁻¹ corresponding to NH stretching of the amide. The absorption peaks are observed at 2927-2940 cm⁻¹ and 2850-2862 cm⁻¹ due to aliphatic CH₂ stretching. FT-IR stretching vibrations appeared at 1327-1339 (SO₂ asymmetric) and 1150-1162 cm⁻¹ (SO₂ symmetric) for all synthesized compound. IR stretching bands showed around at 1576 cm⁻¹ (C=N) and 1584 cm⁻¹ (C=C). The stretching vibrations are appeared around at 1081 cm⁻¹ (C-O-C) which are present in 1,3,4-oxadiazole ring, respectively.

For NMR spectra, a singlet peak was observed at 2.63-2.78 ppm due to the presence of CH_3 group and also singlet peak appeared at 3.73 ppm for OCH_3 . The appearance of multiplet at 2.91-3.10 ppm indicated that the presence of CH (aliphatic) of the synthesized compounds. A doublet or multiplet peaks were observed at 6.32-8.12 ppm due to the presence of aromatic and heterocyclic protons. The 1H NMR spectra of the sulphonamide derivatives showed most downfield singlet signal at 8.32-9.93 ppm for sulphonamide NH proton. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 3 was clearly confirmed by the chemical shift at δ 168.5 and δ 163.2 ppm. The characteristic peaks for aromatic(C-H) at around δ 132 ppm. The structures of all synthesized compounds were confirmed by FT-IR, NMR Mass and elemental analysis.

Antibacterial studies

All the titled compounds were subjected to antibacterial activity against gram positive bacteria and gram negative bacteria at concentration of 100 μ g/mL by using disc diffusion technique. Amikacin was used as reference drug. The zone of inhibition of the synthesized compounds is summarized Table 1. From obtained data, all synthesized compounds exhibited moderate to better activity against all the concentrations of 100 μ g/mL. Compounds **5a**, **5b**, **5c**, **5d**, **5f**, and **5g** exhibited good activity against *B. subtilis* and *E. coli* compared with the standard. Furthermore, synthetic compounds **5a**, **5f**, and **5g** were found to be effective against *P. aeruginosa*. For these, compounds were optimized by DFT studies. Compound **5i** was inactive against most of the bacterial strains.

Antifungal studies

All synthesized compounds were evaluated for their antifungal activity against *Candida albicans* and *Aspergillus nigar* at 100 µg/mL with Ketaconazole as standard drug. Compounds 5a and 5n displayed good activity against the fungai *C. albicans*. In the novel series, the

majority of the synthesized compounds exhibited moderate to good activity against *C. albicans* with the zone of inhibition 9-13 mm. In the case of *A. niger*, the most of the synthesized compounds displayed moderate activity against all tested organisms with the zone of inhibition 8-10 mm.

Table 1. Zone of inhibition of antimicrobial activities of all synthesized compounds (5a-5n).

Compound code	Diameter of zone of inhibition in mm									
	Gram posit	ive bacteria	Gram posit	ive bacteria	Antifungal					
	SA	BS	EC	PA	CA	AN				
5a	18	17	15	24	13	-				
5b	10	13	13	11	10	8				
5c	10	12	12	10	11	10				
5d	11	13	13	11	10	8				
5e	11	13	12	11	10	8				
5f	13	14	14	20	10	8				
5g	15	14	16	26	10	8				
5h	8	8	9	10	-	7				
5i	-	-	-	9	-	8				
5 <u>j</u>	10	12	10	8	10	8				
5k	10	10	10	-	9	8				
51	10	12	10	10	10	8				
5m	11	12	8	12	13	9				
5n	10	12	10	10	10	8				
Amikacin	29	28	26	25						
Ketaconazole					20	22				

SA = Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 9144, BS = Bacillus subtilis ATCC 6051, EA = Escherichia coli ATCC 25922, PA= Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC-2853, CA= Candida albicans MTCC-227, AN = Aspergillus niger MTCC-281.

The results indicated that the presence of halogen, nitro substituted benzene sulfonamide with 1,3,4-oxadiazole moiety showed significant antimicrobial activity. (i) It was observed that fluoro substituted 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives were more active compared to chloro and bromo derivatives, followed by derivatives like methoxy, methyl groups respectively [37]. (ii) The presence of electron withdrawing groups and electron donating groups in phenyl ring may enhance antimicrobial activity of the titled compounds [38]. (iii) Hetero aryl ring (like indole) substituted with 1,3,4-oxdiazole moiety enhances the anti-diabetic activity. (iv) Results revealed that, most of the tested compounds showed good anti-inflammatory activities, due to the presence of hereto substituted aryl ring in the 1,3,4-oxdaizole derivatives.

In vitro anti-inflammatory activity

All the synthesized compounds (**5a-n**) were evaluated for their in vitro anti-inflammatory activity and were carried out using serum albumin denaturation technique with five different concentrations such as 50, 100, 200, 400 and 500 μ g, respectively. In the series, most of the compounds **5b**, **5e**, **5f** and **5l** exhibited good activity with IC₅₀ values of 118.2, 110.9, 140.3, and 140.9 μ M. While, synthesized compounds **5c** and **5d** are more active than drug diclofenac (IC₅₀ = 156 μ M). Compound **5n** showed less activity than all other compounds. The resulting data of the anti-inflammatory activity of all the synthesized compounds are shown in Figure 2.

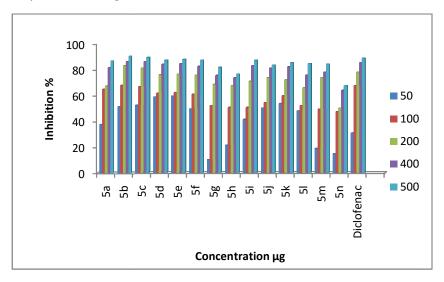


Figure 2. Anti- inflammatory activities of tested compounds (5a-5n).

In vitro antidiabetic activity

In this present study, all synthesized compounds were screened against α -amylase activity. Synthesized compounds were checked with five different concentrations 50, 100, 250, 500, and 1000 μ m. The compounds **5j**, **5k**, **5l** and **5n** displayed stronger inhibitory activity with IC₅₀ values of (6.23, 6.59, 2.34 and 7.15) μ M than standard drug acarbose (IC₅₀ = 2.53 μ M). Furthermore, the remaining compounds have shown moderate to weak activities (IC₅₀ \geq 100 μ M). The resulting bar graph representation of anti-diabetic activities of title compounds is shown in Figure 3.

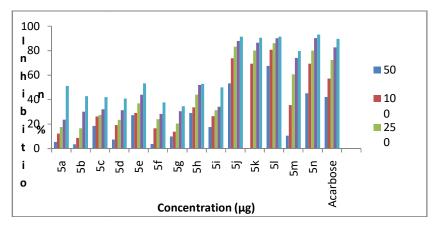


Figure 3. Antidiabetic activities of tested compounds (5a-5n).

Theoretical calculations

Quantum chemical parameters such as HOMO, LUMO, energy gap (ΔE), global hardness, and electrophilicity index are calculated and shown in Table 2. HOMO and LUMO orbital are important orbital in the molecule because that involving chemical reaction [39-41].

Table 2. Quantum chemical descriptor for synthesized compounds (5a-5n) calculated using RB3LYP/6-311G (d, p) and values in a.u.

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Compound	$E_{\text{H}OMO}$	E_{LUMO}	ΔE	μ	μ (D)	η	S	ω	C log P
5a	-0.19027	-0.1662	-0.02407	-0.17823	7.2166	0.01203	41.54	1.3200	4.364
5b	-0.20236	-0.15489	-0.04747	-0.17862	3.4698	0.02373	21.06	0.6721	4.696
5c	-0.20922	-0.15868	-0.05054	-0.18375	3.6699	0.02527	19.78	0.6608	4.131
5d	-0.17862	-0.12222	-0.05648	-0.15042	3.5890	0.02824	17.70	0.4006	4.934
5e	-0.17953	-0.12358	-0.05595	-0.15156	4.0261	0.02798	17.87	0.4105	5.084
5f	-0.18021	-0.07526	-0.10495	-0.12773	7.8339	0.05247	9.528	0.15545	4.171
5g	-0.18804	-0.08381	-0.10423	-0.13592	5.643	0.05211	9.594	0.17721	4.516
5h	-0.21128	-0.14594	-0.06534	-0.17861	4.6412	0.03267	15.30	0.48823	5.371
5i	-0. 22455	-0.14562	-0.07894	-0.18508	5.0767	0.03947	12.66	0.43395	3.141
5j	-0.22943	-0.06082	-0.16861	-0.14512	6.3294	0.08305	5.93	0.12490	4.393
5k	-0.14443	-0.06118	-0.0832	-0.10280	6.456	0.04160	12.01	0.12702	4.502
51	-0.14171	-0.05664	-0.0857	-0.09917	6.3939	0.04285	11.66	0.11475	4.969
5m	-0.1259	-0.07874	-0.04716	-0.10232	2.3943	0.02358	21.20	0.22199	2.625
5n	-0.18287	-0.05918	-0.12369	-0.12102	6.4525	0.06185	8.084	0.11840	6.256

Compound 5a has the highest LUMO and HOMO energy gap and compound 5j has lowest value among all the synthesized compounds. The HOMO-LUMO energy gap increases with increases chemical reactivity of the molecules and also increases in activity against all the tested microorganisms. The global hardness (η) is one of the properties of the molecule use to measure the intensity of chemical reactivity. The decreasing order lower values of η for these compounds are 5c > 5b > 5m > 5a. The lowest chemical hardness for the compound has less stable and more reactive. Global softness (S) is the reciprocal of the hardness and is related to chemical reactivity and energy gap of the molecules. Therefore, compound 5a is more reactive than others synthesized compounds. Electrophilic index $(\omega = \mu^2/2\eta)$ is calculated by chemical potential and chemical hardness. It is used to measure the propensity or capacity of the species to accept the electrons. The results of electrophilic index indicate that compound 5a acts as a strongest nucleophile and 5a acts as a strongest an electrophile.

Lipophilicity, chemical reactivity, energy gap have significant properties on bioactive of the compounds. In general, the chemically reactive compounds are less suitable for the biological activity. Apart from this, synthesized compounds have the lower values of C log P showed good antimicrobial activities. It was explained by well-known lipophlic compounds are favorable for being delivered binding site to the organism. Compound **5m** has lower value (2.325) than all other synthesized compounds and were calculated using Chem Draw software 8.0. It could be concluded that halogen, OCH₃ and CH₃ substituted phenyl group which increase the stability of the compound. This is confirmed by DFT studies which give better microbial activity with their derivatives.

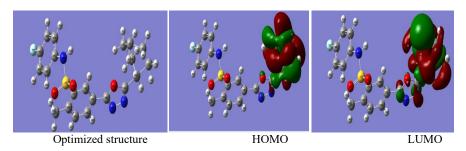


Figure 4. Frontier orbitals of synthesisd compound 5a.

CONCLUSION

In this study, we have synthesized a novel series of 1,3,4-oxadaizole and evaluated for their *in vitro* antimicrobial activity, anti-inflammatory, antidiabetic activities. The *in vitro* antimicrobial activity of these tested compounds showed moderate to good activity. Compound 51 is more active than standard acarbose. Results showed that the majority of the synthesized compounds exhibited excellent anti-inflammatory activity and it further considered for vivo assays for finding leading anti-inflammatory agents. All the synthesized compounds were optimized by density functional theory (DFT) studies indicated that zone of the inhibition of compounds (experimental) which is correlated with quantum parameters (theoretically) and gave useful information about chemical reactivity and stability of the molecules.

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